



## GRINCH 2 – THE WAY I SEE IT

RED = NARRATOR - GREEN = CAMERA / WRITERS NOTES

Narrator: As you remember the Who's of Whoville were celebrating Christmas with the Grinch and Martha May Whovier at the town Whobilation. Grinch as you know was even elected as the Holiday Cheermeister, after being nominated by Cindy Lou Who. Of course, this infuriated Mayor Augustus Maywho, but what made him even more furious was the fact that the Grinch's and Martha's relationship continued to grow. They couldn't stay away from each other. Martha realized though she would have a tough task ahead of her to teach him manners, courtesy, and respect for others so he would fit in with the villagers. She would help him change his horrible diet and disgusting table manners. Not only will this help him fit in better but it will create a healthier life style for him.

CAMERA shows his first time in a restaurant he and Martha sit down at a table, a waitress asks them if they would like something to drink. Martha orders a glass of red wine and he orders a bottle of tabasco sauce. Martha corrects him and suggests a glass of red wine for him also. Martha with an embarrassed look on her face realizes it's going to be a long night and asks the waitress, "could you please just get us a bottle of red wine instead?" The waitress leaves and returns with two wine glasses and two menus, says she will be back with the bottle of wine, as she leaves the Grinch grabs the wine glass and bites off the base. Martha in a panic stops him and pulls the base from his mouth before he eats it and places it on the table.

Martha: "Honey, please put the rest of that glass on the table, I'll ask the waitress for a new one"

Grinch: "Oh good, that one tasted horrible". What is wrong with these restaurants today?"

The waitress returns with the bottle of wine. Martha looking quite frazzled: "Could you please get us a new wine glass; he accidentally knocked his off the table and it broke".

Grinch: "I didn't do ...." Martha horridly puts her hand over his mouth to stop him. The waitress leaves to get a new wine glass and the Grinch grabs the bottle of wine and starts to guzzle it down.

Martha: "Grinch, please stop, you are embarrassing me" "When the waitress returns with a new glass, I will pour you a glass and show you the proper way to drink it". Before the waitress returns, Martha, being a little rattled, pours herself a glass and guzzles it down.

Grinch: "That's the way your supposed to drink it?"

Martha: "No, you must have misunderstood me, I am showing you how not to drink it"

The waitress returns with his new glass and says: "I'll give you folks a few minutes to look at the menu", she walks away. Martha pours herself a second glass and then pours him a glass.

Martha: "Okay, you have to sip it slowly to savor the flavor, watch me"

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Martha slowly takes a sip and says “and that’s the proper way to drink your wine”

The Grinch raises the glass to his mouth and starts to gulp and Martha raises her hand and says: “no no no, sip it slowly”

He slowly takes a sip, moves his lips in a motion while looking upward as he is deciding if he likes it. He takes a second sip, nods his head up and down a couple of times and says: “I loooooovvee it”. Martha picks up a menu and hands it to the Grinch and then picks up one for herself.

Martha: “If you need help choosing anything let me know, and don’t be afraid to ask me any questions if you don’t understand”.

Grinch: “Can’t I just have yesterday’s leftovers?”

Martha: “No, that’s disgusting and it’s not safe”

Grinch: “Oh, okay, then I’ll have today’s leftovers”

Martha: “no sweetheart, that’s still disgusting, and it’s not good for you. You have to start eating better, you must start eating healthier. From now on, you eat only fresh food, okay?”.

The Grinch study’s the menu and says to Martha: “I think I’ll have the “File-it-mig-non”.

Martha: “That’s pronounced “Fill-lay-min-yawn”

Grinch: “What is Fileeeeeet mignon?” (With a snooty accent)

Martha: “It’s a type of steak which I know you will enjoy; I think I’m going to have the lasagna”

The waitress comes and asks: “Hello Martha, hello Mr. Grinch, are you ready to order?”

The waitress turns to Martha, “Martha, can I start with you?”

Martha answers: “Let’s start with him because he’s going to need some help with this”.

Martha: “Go ahead Grinch, give it a try”.

Grinch: “I’ll have the Fileeeeeet mignon” (with a snooty voice).

Waitress: “how would you like that cooked?”

Grinch: “If you don’t know how to cook it you shouldn’t be in the restaurant business”.

Martha says to waitress: “I’m sorry he doesn’t understand”

Martha to Grinch: “What she means is, do you want it rare, medium or well done?”

Grinch with grumpy voice: “Of course I want it done well, if I wanted it done lousy then I wouldn’t pay these outrageous prices at a restaurant, now, would I?”

Martha: “Grinch, no, what she means is ..... Oh, never mind”

Martha to waitress: “He would like it medium please”.

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Waitress (looking at Grinch), "what side would you like?"

Grinch while looking quite confused, points with both hands to the right and then points to the left: Then he points in front of himself and says: "I would prefer to have it right here"

Martha again steps in and says "He will have a baked potato please"

Waitress again looking at Grinch, "soup or salad?"

Grinch: "Yes".

Waitress looks at Martha for help: Martha says "salad please"

Martha tells Grinch, "You have to choose one or the other, you can't have both"

Waitress to Martha: "what dressing would he like?"

Martha: "He would like the blue cheese dressing"

Grinch: "Hey, did you hear the one about the cook who caught the salad dressing? (While laughing out loud he says: "I love that one, it cracks me up every time"

The waitress gives a quick, nervous smile and immediately turns to Martha and asks what she wants. Martha says "I'll have the lasagna, and a salad with the house dressing.

Grinch laughing out loud again says "I never saw a house dressing, was it made of bare wood? The waitress turns and leaves as quickly as possible. Martha takes another large gulp from her wine glass.

CAMERA PANS AWAY and shows them leaving the restaurant, commenting on what a great meal they had and flagging down a cab.

Narrator: Every day, every outing that Martha and Grinch do together is a challenge for Martha. She loves him dearly but he is not easy to deal with, one day Martha took him grocery shopping. It was his first time in a grocery store. Martha grabbed a shopping cart and started going down the aisle.

Grinch: "Let me do it, let me do it" (as a small child would do, jumping up and down) Martha lets Grinch take over pushing the cart.

Martha: "Okay but please be careful" Martha would grab items off the shelf and put them in the cart: Grinch: "Let me do it" The Grinch slides his arm down the shelf knocking half the items in the cart and half of them unto the floor.

Martha quite loudly: "Grinch please stop, you're making a mess and we do not need all that stuff. Put them back on the shelf and help me pick up everything.

The Grinch being the Grinch rolls his eyes and while mumbling under his breath, does as she had asked but of course is putting everything in the wrong spots, upside down etc. Thankfully a stockboy comes around the corner and tells them not to worry, he will take care of everything.

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Martha to stockboy: "Thank you so much for your help, we are so sorry." Martha turns to the Grinch and tells him to apologize to the stockboy. The Grinch while looking down towards his feet and with a sad face mumble softly: "I'm sorry"

Martha: "Grinch, say it like you mean it"

The Grinch with his hands to his side and shuffles his right foot and says louder "I'm very sorry"

The stockboy says: "That's okay Mr. Grinch, I'll take care of it"

Finally, they move on. When they turn the corner and go up the next aisle the Grinch crashes the cart into a lady's cart which was on the side of the aisle: The lady looks up at the Grinch and gives him a dirty look. The Grinch says to Martha "What's her problem?"

Martha: "Grinch, you crashed into her cart."

Grinch: "but she was parked there".

Martha: "So, go around her"

Grinch: (rolling his eyes again) – "well I guess I could have done that"

They go to the end of the aisle and then Grinch cuts the corner to sharp and bangs his cart into a display shelf loaded with soft drink bottles, knocking the bottom leg of the shelf out and all the bottles rolled off the shelf for what seemed like an eternity. Grinch putting his hands around his mouth and quite loudly yells: "Clean up on aisle six", oh my, I just crack myself up"

Around the corner comes the same stockboy that just finished cleaning up their last mess.

Grinch to stockboy: "You know, it's really not my fault, my girlfriend pushed me".

Martha: "That is absolutely – positively not true, that's it, I'm taking cart duty away from you until learn to be more careful.

Grinch to stockboy: "She said duty" and laughs out loud.

The stockboy shakes his head and bends down to start picking up the mess.

Martha takes over pushing the cart, and she says to him. "Honey, please stop acting like a child, you must be more careful and thoughtful to people around you"

Grinch: "Well yeah but, I always say I'm sorry and I help pick up the stuff on the floor"

Martha: "Okay, I agree, that's nice but you shouldn't be causing the problem in the first place"

Grinch: "Okay, I promise, I will get better, baby steps Martha, baby steps" Martha rolls her eyes.

The Grinch picks up a bundle of bananas and asks Martha: "Why are these fat and yellow and not brown and floppy?"

Martha: "That's the way they are supposed to look when they are fresh, put them in the cart, you will love them, but you have to wait until we are home to eat them."

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The Grinch looks at a loaf of bread and asks: "So, this is white and not green. What's the deal?"

Martha: "Just like the bananas, except it's white when it's fresh and turns green and moldy when it starts to go bad."

Grinch: "That explains everything, I thought the Who's didn't like anything that was green"

Narrator: They continue going up and down the aisles with Martha choosing what to buy while explaining what each item is and sometimes, she would ask Grinch to grab items that were too high for her and he would place them in the cart. It seems as though the Grinch is starting to calm down and starting to learn to be more helpful and thoughtful.

All of a sudden Grinch stops in front of a shelf with cans of baked beans. Grinch: "Martha, what are these?"

Martha: Those are baked beans, why do you ask?

Grinch: "When I would scrounge the Who's trash for food, I would come across these cans but they were always empty. I would rub my finger on the inside of the can and get the most out of it I could, then lick my finger. I loved the taste of it", can we get some?

Martha: "Okay, but you can't have too much at a time because it can give you gas, and you certainly don't need anymore than you already have". Take like 3 cans for now and will see if you like it" While muttering under her breath "or if I like it"

CAMERA FADES AWAY – FADES INTO SCENE AT HIS CAVE

The Grinch would return to his cave after spending every day with Martha May and would try to convince himself that he was happy in his own surroundings.

Grinch: "I have all these modern conveniences, I have plenty of delicious food" (Camera shows him picking up handfuls of broken glass) "Although, I do have to admit the filet mignon the other night was to die for"

Grinch over at Max: "I really don't need people to like me"

Grinch cups his hands around his mouth and yells: "I don't need people to like me".

You hear the echo repeat "I don't need people to like me"

Grinch yells back (with a questionable look on his face) "RIGHT?"

The echo yells back: "YOU'RE AN IDIOT".

Grinch looks frustrated and bounces back into his chair. Grinch looks at Max and says: "Right?" (Max grows).

The Grinch stands back up and says: "Okay, maybe I'm not right..... I think I'm in love and I want to spend the rest of my life with Martha May". Grinch does a happy dance. Grinch looks down at Max who is doing a happy dance also.

CAMERA FADES AWAY

Narrator: The Grinch and Martha May continue to see each other for many months. On this one special day the two of them are having a great time at the Leon Day Whobation with all the townspeople. For those who don't know, Leon Day is June 25<sup>th</sup> which is halfway to Christmas – Leon is Noel spelled backwards).

The Grinch takes Martha's hand and walks her up to the head table where the mayor and all the town officials are sitting. Martha is totally confused as to what is happening. The Grinch stops with Martha in front of the mayor and reaches over and grabs the microphone. "Could I please have your attention?"

He puts the microphone back on the table next to him. He turns to Martha; he kneels down on one knee and asks: "Martha May, will you be my wife"?

She is excited and overwhelmed: "YES, YES, YES".

He opens a ring box and takes out a beautiful ring and slides it on her finger, then stands and gives her a big kiss. All the who's in Whoville are cheering and clapping and excited for the couple. (Except for one – camera does close-up of disgusted look on the mayor's face (Mayor Augustus Maywho) They both go back to their table and she asks him, "where did you get this beautiful ring"?

Grinch: "I made it at the same time I made you the Christmas ornament that I brought to school that day. I wanted to give it to you the same day as a friendship ring, but as you know, that didn't go very well"

#### CAMERA FADES INTO FLASHBACK

Narrator: We all know how that turned out. Show flashback of the Grinch making the ornament and also a new scene of him making her the ring with all the small fragments of the stones of various colors he broke up with the hammer. He melted the small fragments onto a small ring he found. He had the ring in his pocket when he went to school that day but never gave it to her because that day turned out so awful for him. He had that ring in his pocket when he ran away from Whoville thinking he would never return. He cherished that ring and saved it as a remembrance of Martha.

#### CAMERA FADES INTO FOLLOWING SCENE

Show scene/scenes of Martha and Grinch sitting in Martha's home with many discussions on whether to move into a new home or stay in her existing home, what to do with his cave and all his belongings.

Grinch, "How about we sell this dump and move into my cave? It is completely furnished, plenty of space. You don't have to worry about taxes, crowds, paying bills..... before he got to finish Martha said: "That is completely off the table, first of all, this place is not a dump and there is absolutely no way I would move into that dark, dirty, damp disgusting hole in a mountain.!"

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Grinch: "Okay, I guess I agree, it does have some minor issues like, (while nodding his head up and down and counting on his fingers)) no fresh air – no bathrooms – no fire exit – no open floor concept between the cooking area and the eating area, oh, how I love that look, and not enough room for that king size bed we want"

Martha: "Well, I'm glad you came to your senses on that topic. We can live here for a while and then we can start looking for a larger place to live, where we'll have enough room to start a family someday.

Grinch: "Fa fa fa fa fa fa fa ????"

Martha: "That's right, a family. My clock is ticking and I would love to have a child. Wouldn't you?"

Grinch: (Still looking in shock) "Fa fa fa fa fa.....well, I guess I never really thought about it before, but I guess I would love to have some baby Martha's and baby Grinches around"

Grinch: "If we want a new house and raise a family.....," Grinch puts his finger on his lips for a couple of seconds and points his finger in the air as he has an idea. "I have to figure on how to earn a living. I've got to get a job"

Martha: "Lou said there is an opening at the post office."

Grinch: "No way can I stay in a building all day, I have to tinker, design things, build things with my bare hands. Just like all those inventions in my cave. (Pacing back and forth with his arms to his side) I know some of them seemed primitive, but it was with junk I collected from the Who's trash (Still pacing) and with hardly any tools except the broken or worn-out tools that would come up the trash shoot every now and then. Even most tools I would make myself."

Narrator: The Grinch is actually very lucky with his timing to live in Whoville as they had closed the trash chute. They had created a trash to energy power station and a recycling center. Most of his food source had stopped in the process. The Who's intention was not to shut him off as they didn't know he was living off their garbage, they just wanted to create a cleaner environment all around them.

Grinch: I'VE GOT IT!

Martha: "Oh boy, I can't wait to hear this"

Grinch: "We might have to get a loan from the bank to get started but we can build a ski slope on the mountain, make my cave into some sort of a clubhouse, or a lodge and maybe a food stand. I can build a gondola to carry people up and down the mountain. When there is no snow, we can just give rides. I'm getting so excited just thinking about, I can do it, I know I can".

Grinch gets up and does his happy dance.

Martha: "I have never seen you so excited, you know what? I believe you can do it, what a great idea"

Grinch: "OH OH OH OH OH

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Martha: (While giggling with excitement) “What? What? tell me, what is it”

Grinch: “The old trash chute, we can clean it really good and let the kids slide down it and when they are at the bottom, they can ride in the gondola back to the top. Maybe I’ll even paint it so it looks like a big long candy cane.

Grinch: (While pointing to each finger) “We can serve hot chocolate and coffee in the colder months and serve ice cream and soft drinks and shakes in the summer. We can barbecue roast beast sandwiches and roast beast burgers” Grinch rubs his belly and says: “I’m getting hungry just thinking about it”

Grinch: I’m going to town hall tomorrow and see what we have to do to get this started.

Martha: I’ll go with you because I love this idea and I want to be a part of it. I’m not sure how the mayor is going to feel about this but it’s actually a win-win. It’s going to be so much fun for the kids and adults, we are cleaning up dirty sites and creating jobs and tax revenue for Whoville. WOOT WOOT, let’s do it”

Grinch: “I’ve got to write down some of these ideas and I’ll make some sketches to show the Mayor and I’ve got to.....” CAMERA FADES AWAY and then fades back in to variety of scenes in fast motion with Grinch with a pencil in each side of his head, a pencil sideways in his mouth and of him drawing, making lines with a ruler, drawing with a protractor and a compass ruler. Papers flying all over the place. Grinch tearing up plans loud mumbling of #@ %!?!@#

The Grinch stands up from his drawing table and holds up one of his large blueprints, you can barely see the drawings because camera is showing from the backside of the paper looking towards the Grinch’s face as he says: “We will name it Mount Crumpit Park”

#### CAMERA FADES AWAY AND FADES INTO A SCENE AT TOWN HALL

Martha and Grinch do go to town hall with their ideas and their sketches and blueprints. They see Mayor Maywho and sit down with their plans. Grinch sets up a tripod and pulls down the large sketch of the entire park complex. He opens up a telescoping pointer and begins to explain to the mayor.....

While pointing to each section as he is explaining, the Grinch says: “At the bottom of the mountain we will have a gate entrance to the park. There will be two food stands, one around here and the other will be on the top of the mountain. We can have one of those big round turning things here”

Martha jumps in: “Ferris wheel”

Grinch: “Over here, the guests can hop on a gondola for the ride to the top or during the ski season the skiers can take a ride on the ski lift. The skiers will ski down the slope which ends here and they get back on the ski lift here” While



motioning with his pointer "Also, somewhere around here, we will have a large hot air balloon which can take up to six passengers up and down the mountain." Again, while pointing with his pointer "The kiddos, maybe their parents if they dare, can slide down the old trash chute which we will clean up and paint it to look like a big candy cane. I will move the end of the trash chute so it doesn't go all the way into town. They will enter here at the top and exit down here at the bottom, hop on a gondola and do it all over again".

Grinch: We will have food and drink stands here at the top (While pointing) in front of the existing cave entrance. I will block off the cave entrance so no one can enter for now. I think if all goes well, I will eventually come up with an idea for the cave, maybe lodging or something. One phase at a time"

Martha gets up and claps with excitement and says to the mayor: "Augustus, what do you think?"

Mayor: "You know, I can benefit from the tax revenue, (mayor clears his throat) I mean, the village can benefit from the tax revenue and it's a great way to rid of that stinky trash chute. I hate to say it but it's a fantastic idea, I wish I had thought of it. We can name it Mayor Maywho Park"

Martha shaking her head: "Oh no, we are going to name it Mt. Crumpit Park. We want to preserve the history of Mt Crumpit while making it a fun place for everyone"

Mayor while rubbing his cheeks: "Okay, I like it, I'll will help you get all the permits you need."

The Mayor and Grinch shake hands, Mayor turns and hugs Martha, he's still not letting go for a few moments. Martha looks over at Grinch and Martha rolls her eyes.

Grinch: "Okay Augie Boy, that will be enough"

Mayor: "Oh, of course, I was just caught up thinking about the park"

#### CAMERA FADES AWAY

Grinch and Max start their first of many mornings going to work on the park project. Grinch puts on a hardhat and puts a small hardhat on Max. Max looks into a mirror and smiles and wags his tail.

Grinch: "Come on Max, let's get started, well never get anything done if you just want to sit here and admire yourself."

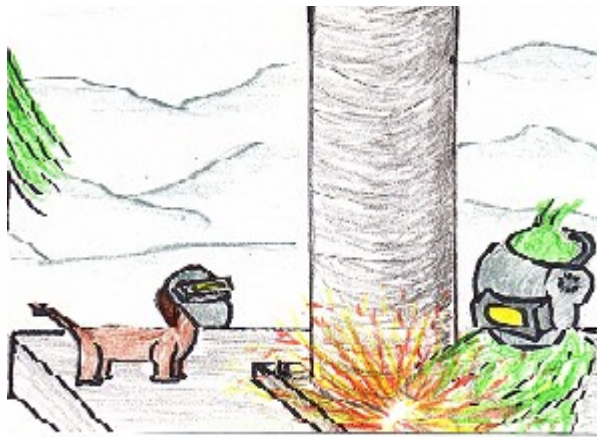
Show scenes of Grinch sawing some trees at the base of the mountain that will be in the path of the gondola. Show Grinch sawing the tree and Max on the other end of the saw hanging on for dear life while the saw goes back and forth and Max banging into the side of the tree. Max is starting to see stars



Grinch; (In his grumpy voice) "Hey, what are you doing over there, this is not a joy ride, if you're not going to help start gathering all those branches over there and move them away"

Camera can show Max grabbing some branches with his mouth and dragging them out of the way. At the base of the mountain, he trims all the branches off of a very large tree which the end of the gondola cable will be attached to. The cables will also attach to the top of a second tree about three quarters of the way down the mountain, one of the last trees before the mountain turns into rocky, rugged and steep terrain.

NEXT SCENE Can show Grinch with a welder's helmet welding a large steel pole to a steel base which he already bolted to the rocks on the side of the mountain.



Grinch stops welding and opens his helmet to ask Max for another welding rod. He sees Max standing there with a welder's helmet on.

Grinch: "What in the world are you doing?"

Grinch walks over and opens Max's helmet to find Max chewing on a dog biscuit.



Grinch while looking around (grumpy voice): "Where are those welding rods I asked you for?"

Max pulls his helmet back down

Grinch pull Max's helmet back open: (Grumpy voice and pointing to his right) "Max, come on, they are over there, in the bottom drawer of that blue tool box over there. I already told you that, now go get some and bring them to me"

Grinch: "Max, you have to keep up with me, we still have three more poles to go"

Narrator: Grinch is starting to realize how overwhelming this entire project will be, it's definitely much too big to handle himself and may have to employ some trades people to help. After all, he and Martha will need help running the park once it's opened anyway. One day while working, Grinch remembered that Gus Who built his own hot air balloon. He could use Gus to build a large hot air balloon with a basket large enough to hold about 6 people or more. Grinch will also use Gus to build about 10 smaller baskets that can hold two people each for the gondolas. Once park is open Gus can have a full-time job giving people rides.

SCENE showing Grinch in his cave sitting in his chair attempting to call Gus. Looking up Gus's phone number in his phone book. He's fumbling through the pages and finally reaches the beginning of the list of Who's.

Grinch while running his finger vertically down the list: "Alan Who, Alex Who, Alice Who, Avery Who, Barbie Who (Grinch looks at camera), she makes great Barbecue, Betty Lou Who, Bobby Who, Butch Who, oh this is ridiculous, I'll just call the operator."

Grinch dials 0 to speak to the operator. One ring, two rings, three rings, operator answers: "Hello, may I be of assist to you?"

Grinch: "Can you help connect me with someone?"

Operator: "And who would you like to speak to?"

Grinch: "Yes, how did you know that?"

Operator: "How did I know what?"

Grinch: "Who I wanted to speak to"

Operator: "I don't know who you want to speak to, you didn't tell me yet sir"

Grinch (grumpy voice): "I want to speak to Gus Who"

Operator: "Please sir, I don't have time to guess who, I am very busy here. Please tell me the name of the party you would like to speak to"

Grinch (getting angrier) "Party, what party? Why was I not invited?"

Operator: "Sir there is no party, what I'm asking is, what person would you like to talk to?"

Grinch: His name is Gus Who, first name is Gus, not guess, Gus, and his last name is Who!"

Operator: "One moment please"

Grinch while on hold looks into the camera: "What's the deal these phone operators? They have to pass a rude test to get a job at the phone company?"

Grinch hears a couple of clicks and then Gus answers phone: "Gus Who here"

Grinch starts to flip out then looks at camera: "Oh, I am so fed up..... ooops, oh, he said Gus Who, not Guess Who, almost got me there"

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**Grinch:** Hi Gus, it's Grinch, I have a proposal for you, I would like to hire to you to do some work for us in our new park project on Mt. Crumpit", is that something you might be interested in?"

**Gus:** "Well Mr. Grinch, to be honest with you, I am quite bored at my present job, and I don't make very much, been doing the same thing for years.

**Grinch:** "We had heard you made your own balloon and basket. We are going to need a big hot air balloon with a basket and some smaller baskets for a gondola ride."

**Gus:** "Well, yes, Okay I can do that. How big of a balloon?"

**Grinch:** "Maybe to hold 6 or 8 people, and the gondolas I need to hold 2 people, but I need 10 of them."

**Gus:** "Wow, that's a pretty big project, I'm not sure if I can handle all that"

**Grinch:** "If you show Martha May and Betty Lou how to weave, they can weave all the baskets to your specif, specifa, specifica, the way you want them."

**Gus:** "You mean specifications?"

**Grinch:** "Yeah sure, (while rolling his eyes) whatever, and once everything is ready you can work full time at the park either giving balloon rides or helping run the ski slope"

**Gus:** "Lets get together, sounds like a plan"

**Grinch:** "Gus, one other thing, I'm going to need a lot more help with so many things. (While holding the phone to his left ear he is talking and counting with his right hand) "I have a lot more welding to do, carpentry work, electrical, plumbing. (While looking into the camera) "I know I'm amazing but I just can't do it all"

**Gus:** "I'll start asking around, I'm sure we can come up with some help for you, come on down and well figure this out".

**Grinch hangs up his phone and CAMERA FADES AWAY**

**CAMERA CAN SHOW:** Different stages of the baskets being built by Gus while training Martha May and Betty Lou. Also, scenes of new larger hot air balloon basket being built which will fit six people.

Show scenes of Gus working on gas heater and Martha and Betty sewing the large fabric panels together to make up the balloon.

Misc additional scenes of construction. Show Max and Grinch and about a dozen or so workers finishing the poles with crossbars and cables which will support the gondola system. Scenes of workers hanging the gondola baskets, painting the steel structures supporting the gondolas and also painting the old trash chute giving it a clean - fun look.



Scenes with Martha and Grinch hanging on to a rope tied at the top of the trash chute while they are scrubbing



and cleaning it all the way to the bottom. Martha constantly complaining of the smell, a scene with Max sitting on a big sponge and riding it down the chute (of course with a big smile).

Scenes of final preparations before park is opened. Show Park entrance with admission booth, sign above entrance with "MT. CRUMPIT PARK". Show Gondolas going back and forth from the top to the bottom and the balloon ride which goes back and forth to the top also. Two food stands, one at the bottom and one at the top.

Opening day comes and everybody is there. Mayor Augustus Maywho has a speech prepared and steps in front of the microphone as he always manages to do. Mayor Maywho with Grinch, Martha, Betty Lou and Gus standing to his left. Whobris and officer Wholihan to his right.

Mayor: "I want to thank everyone for coming today to this wonderful occasion, it took a lot of work to get to this point. When I first came up with this idea..." Grinch pokes the mayor in the back. "As I was saying, when I suggested this idea..." Grinch pokes him in the back a little harder. "When the Grinch came up with this idea, I immediately approved of it." The people in the audience clapped and cheered. "Not only was this a great way to use that useless mountain's resources but it created jobs, tax revenue for the village and lots of fun for the kiddos and adults alike. I couldn't have done it without ..... (Grinch pokes him in the back a third time) ummmm, (Mayor clears his throat) okay, let me now turn the mic over to Grinch"

The crowd cheered so loudly you couldn't hear yourself think, they were clapping and whistling, the little ones were jumping up and down with excitement. The camera pans back over to the mayor, he is rather frustrated over the cheering for the Grinch.

The Grinch takes the mic from the mayor but he can't begin to talk because the crowd is cheering so loudly.

Grinch: "Thank you" (over loud cheering still) "Please, thank you" Grinch puts his finger to his mouth to gesture to be quiet, "please, we've got to get this park opened so you folks can have some fun" Crowd starts to silence. "Thank you everyone, special thanks to my sweetheart Martha May, Gus Who, Betty Lou and the professor and don't forget my little buddy Max. Also, a special thanks to all those extra people that came on board during this whole process and to the people that are here today running the park. As a special surprise, everything today is free, free food and drink for all". In an extremely deepened voice, he says: "For everyone's safety, no alcohol may be purchased or consumed at this park.

Grinch puts his left hand to his mouth and lets out an ear-piercing whistle. The gates open as Grinch then raises his arms in the air: "Let the fun begin"

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CAMERA can pan over crowds getting on the gondolas, and in line for the hot air balloon and the food and drink stands are filling up quickly

Narrator: As you can see the park is a complete success. The Who's of Whoville are so happy with the additional entertainment the park provides for the entire family. Grinch and Martha become quite the celebrities in the village which we know doesn't go over too well with the mayor. When the snow starts to fall the ski slopes will open and the ski lift will be filled with skiers.

Narrator: Grinch and Martha May decide they want to get married in the fall. Wedding invitations go out to all the Who's in Whoville. CAMERA can show the hundreds of Who's opening their invitations and cheering with joy. Camera shows the mayor opening his invitation and reading the announcement and zoom in on his face looking terribly disgusted. The villagers are so excited and can't wait for the big day, it's going to be the largest wedding celebration in the history of the village. With everyone being so busy with the park, the big day arrives in a flash.

CAMERA shows hundreds of people sitting in an outside pavilion type set up. Head table in the front. Justice of the peace standing in the center in front of the table. Wedding music begins with some sort of "who style" twist to it. The crowd rises to their feet. The Grinch enters from the right, wearing a tuxedo and looks quite charming and he stops alongside the Justice and is followed by his best man Gus Who. The maid of honor, Betty Lou Who comes down the center aisle. Max (the ring bearer) comes next holding a small basket in his mouth with the two wedding bands in it. Cindy Lou Who is the flower girl follows dropping rose petals on her way. They all line up on the left side of the JOP. Wedding music volume increases and Martha May comes down the center aisle with her long flowing wedding gown with a long train which still is at the beginning of the aisle. Martha stops in front of the JOP. Betty gathers up the train which she keeps pulling and pulling and pulling, finally she comes to the end and places it behind Martha. Grinch and Martha turn to each other and hold each other's hands.

Grinch whispers: "you are stunning"

Martha whispers back: "and you are quite handsome yourself, young fellow"

Grinch: "By the way, why are we dressed so nice? Oh, that's right were getting married today"

Camera shows Martha shaking her head lightly, Grinch has a smirk as everyone breaks out in laughter including the JOP

JOP: "Please be seated ..... Thank you"

"Friends, family and fellow Who's, we come together today as you are asked to witness the joining of Grinch and Martha in marriage. We gather around them now in Whoville, and we look on with love and hope as these two begin their new life together as one"

CAMERA shows Max stand on his back legs with ring basket in his mouth alongside Grinch

Grinch in a whisper: "Max, no, not now"

Max gets back down on all four.

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"Marriage is a sacred institution in our culture. It's a tradition of partnership, of trust, and of dependence on each other to navigate the sometimes-stormy seas of life..."

CAMERA pans to Grinch who says: (While spinning his right index finger in a motion as to indicate let's move it along) "Blah, blah, blah."

JOP: "If anyone present objects to these two being united in marriage speak now or forever hold your peace"

CAMERA shows the mayor starts to raise his hand but is stopped by officer Wholihan.

JOP: "At this time, Grinch and Martha will exchange rings. The wedding ring is a symbol of love, devotion and never-ending commitment between two people."

CAMERA on Max who stands on back legs again alongside Grinch and once again Grinch whispers "no Max, not yet"

JOP: "Grinch, do you take Martha May to be your lawfully wedded wife? Will you honor and cherish her, love, trust, and commit to her, through joy and pain, sickness and health, until death do you part?"

Grinch takes Martha's hand and says: "I do"

JOP: "Ummmmmm, the ring?"

Grinch: "Now Max, now"

Max, (while guests are laughing) stands up alongside the Grinch with basket. Grinch reaches in and takes out Martha's ring and slides it onto Martha's finger and says: "I do"

JOP: "Martha, do you take Grinch to be your lawfully wedded husband? Will you honor and cherish him, love trust, and commit to him, through joy and pain, sickness and health, until death do you part?"

Max stands near Martha and Martha takes ring from basket and slides it onto Grinch's finger and says: "I do"

JOP: "I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss the bride"

Camera shows a close up of Grinch with a wide smile and tears of joy in his eyes as he leans forward and gives Martha a kiss. Martha gently wipes the tears from his eyes. Grinch leans forward again and gives her a long passionate kiss. They turn as the guests are clapping and cheering and walk down the aisle hand in hand as the wedding party follows.

CAMERA FADES AWAY AND FADES INTO RECEPTION DINNER

CAMERA showing scenes in a large hall, head table up front with the newly married couple and on each side members of the wedding party. Even Max is at table enjoying himself and the treats on his plate. Hundreds of tables filled with the invited guests. People dancing, banging their glasses with their silverware to coax the couple to kiss. People eating and drinking,

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laughing. Grinch and Martha having their first dance (slow dance). Mayor comes up and taps on Grinch's shoulder.....,

Narrator: Martha had spent a lot of time teaching Grinch how to dance. Fast dances, slow dances, she warned him of all the traditions that can occur during the reception. She even warned him of men wanting to dance with the bride, and how they would come up and tap your shoulder, and it's a tradition and that it's okay for you to let them cut in.

CAMERA shows Grinch steps aside, the mayor takes Martha's hand and the two of them start their slow dance. Grinch is standing alongside the two of them, with his arms folded. He looks at his watch to see how long it's been. Mayor is smiling ear to ear and Martha looks confused as she doesn't know how to put a stop to it. Grinch looks over at a clock on the wall, show the hands in fast motion clicking a few minutes and he decides that's enough.

Grinch: "Okay Augie Boy, that will be enough, this is our day, not yours"

Mayor: "But I just got here"

Grinch gently pulls the mayor away from Martha and says: "And now you're done, times up"

Grinch begins to dance with Martha, and the slow song ends. They start to walk off the dance floor when a fast song starts that they both like, they turn back to the dance floor. They start dancing and the crowd is cheering at how fantastic they are doing together, never expecting the Grinch to be such a good dancer.

CAMERA can continue showing more dances, more fellows tapping the Grinches shoulder, dancing with Martha as Narrator kicks in .....

Narrator: By far the biggest gathering of people to celebrate a wedding. Grinch and Martha May are having the time of their lives, but now will be moving into the next chapter of their lives. The business is booming, they are now a happy couple and Grinch definitely feels welcome as one of the citizens of Whoville. It's time to start looking for that new home they had talked about. A house that we be a little larger if they decide to start a family and maybe a little closer to Crumpit Park.

#### CAMERA FADES AWAY

Camera can show Grinch and Martha sitting on a couch together looking at a real estate magazine

Martha points to a photo: "How about this one?"

Grinch looks closely: "Too small"

Grinch points to one, Martha says: "Too big"

Grinch points to another, Martha says: "Too close to the mayor's house"

Grinch: "Ooooooh, good catch"

Martha turns a page and points; "How about this one?"

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Grinch: "Three stories, too many stairs"

Martha points to another one: "This one is perfect, nice yard, sidewalk in front, garage, close to Crumpit Park"

Grinch looks down, eyes open wide with excitement: "That is maaaaarrrrrvelous, let's go check it out"

Narrator: Martha and Grinch love the house and decide that's the one. Now begins the difficult task of moving in. They have to move Martha's furniture from the old home into the new one which goes fairly smoothly.

CAMERA can show moving people carrying larger items in and Martha and Grinch carrying smaller items in. A second larger truck pulls up in front of the house. Grinch runs over to the truck and points to the driveway and says: "Back it in here boys"

Martha runs out to Grinch who is guiding the truck that is backing into the driveway: "What, did you buy us new furniture?"

Grinch: "Honey, you know we can't afford to buy new furniture right now, this is all my stuff from my cave".

Martha buries her head in her hands for a second, then covers her mouth. The tailgate opens and Martha gasps as junk starts rolling out for what seemed an eternity. (Have large bowls, pots and pans, bowling balls and pins, old tires, hubcaps, rolling out with the sound of dishes breaking things banging and crashing). Martha looks over at the driver's window and see's Max there with his tail wagging a hundred miles an hour.

Martha walks over to door and reaches up to grab him: "Max, your poor thing, come to me sweetheart, let me show you your new home"

Martha carries him up the sidewalk and through the front door. She gives him a big hug as she is rocking back and forth. Martha puts him down says: "Max, follow me, I want to show you where your doggie bed is and where you can find your food. Okay Max, you can eat or take a nap, whatever you want to do but Grinch and I have a lot of work to do, okay? "All of a sudden, a look of total fear comes across Martha's face when she remembered she still has to deal with that load of junk that's being unloaded.

Martha runs back out front just in time to see Grinch dragging his ugly/torn/duct tape covered recliner off the trailer and up the sidewalk and bumps into Martha who is blocking the front steps and she points to the large garbage bin

Grinch: "What? This chair is soooooooo comfortable. Okay, maybe it needs to be recovered, perhaps a nice plush mauve plaid pattern?" Camera zooms in on holes in cushions showing bugs crawling in and out of crevices



Martha: "Absolutely not, that thing is disgusting", she points again to the junk bin

Next scene - Grinch is dragging the monster head loud speaker (the one that amplified Max's bark) up the sidewalk and once again is greeted by Martha. Martha: "Are you kidding me", she points again to the bin.

Grinch: "But - but - but ", once again she points to the bin. Next scene - Grinch is carrying his scary mask, looks at Martha and puts his thumb up and then down as to question her thoughts. Martha gives him thumbs down. From where he is standing, he throws it into the bin. Have repeated scenes of him holding ugly items and giving her thumbs up and then him lowering his shoulders and tossing them into the bin.

CAMERA FADES AWAY

Narrator: Now that Max is comfortable in his new home, Martha decides that Max could use some company as Martha and Grinch are going to be busy running Mt. Crumpit Park.

She goes to the pound and adopts a puppy that reminds her of Grinch.



Martha May comes up with the name "Youwho" for their new pal. The first day Youwho comes home the Grinch accidentally lets him out the front door and Youwho takes off like a flash. The Grinch goes out to the front sidewalk looking for the dog and starts to panic, he doesn't see him anywhere.

Grinch frantically yells out, "Youwho? Youwho?"

A couple walking down the streetside sidewalk turn and say: "Who us?" Grinch: "no, You-who". The husband says: "who? you?" Grinch angrily says: "no, not me, Youwho". The husband points

to his wife and says: "Who her?" Grinch getting angrier says: "no not her, him." The husband says: "him who?"

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Grinch even angrier says: "no, youwho, my dog".

Husband says: "you don't remember your dog's name?"

Grinch in grumpy voice: "Of course, I remember my dogs name, his name is Youwho".

Just then another woman walking down the walk says: "who me?"

The first man tells her: "no, his dog Youwho"

The second woman says: "who, him?"

Grinch (extremely frustrated says): "NO, YOOWHO"

The second woman again says: "no, him", (while pointing at the dog sitting behind the Grinch). The Grinch extremely frustrated and embarrassed turns and picks up Youwho and carries him into the house while mumbling under his breath all the way.

CAMERA FADES AWAY

Narrator: Fall is in full color as the leaves are just starting to drop. Grinch and Martha's life seem perfect, the park is doing well, they love their new home. Max and Yoowho are very comfortable in their new warm and cozy home as well.

(Camera can show Grinch in his new recliner reading the paper and Martha reading "Who's World" magazine, the two dogs sleeping in their beds)

The topic of raising a family comes up again and for the first time Grinch is not in a panic. They discuss telling Martha's parents about maybe someday becoming grandparents and the subject of the Grinch's parents comes up. Well as you know, he doesn't know who his parents are or where he came from but he had heard a rumor that more Grinch people live in the mountain north of Mount Crumpit.

No one is really sure how that rumor got started but the mayor one time suggested it to the Grinch to see if he could find his roots. The mayor does not actually believe of this rumor but figures if he can convince the Grinch to take a hot air balloon trip north, his chance of returning will be nearly impossible as the wind very rarely blows southward. Even though the mayor seems to be tolerating the Grinch, the mayor probably would not be to upset if the Grinch was to be lost in travel. The Grinch starts to look into the possibilities of making the trip in search of his family. He decides to call Gus Who.

Grinch: "Gus, what do you think of the chances of making a hot air balloon trip northward but more important, the trip back home?"

Gus: "As you know, the wind always blows to the north, never to the south, maybe once in a hundred years. Why do you ask?"

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**Grinch:** "I want to try to find my roots, my family. I believe in the rumor of the mountains north of here and possibly that's where my family is. It just seems to make sense"

**Gus:** "I'm sorry Mr. Grinch, even if the rumor is true, the return trip doesn't seem possible without some sort extra assistance. Let me talk to Professor Who Knows to see what he thinks. If anybody can figure a solution to your problem, it would be him. He was a professor of engineering at the Who-niversity of Ida-who for 30 years until he retired. He still likes to dabble with projects in his workshop, I will get back to you"

#### CAMERA FADES AWAY THEN BACK TO GUS AT HIS HOME

**Gus calls his friend, Professor Who Knows:** "Professor, I need help with an idea, I need a way to help propel a hot air balloon faster and stronger than the propeller I have now".

**Professor:** (I can picture buck teeth, nerdy glasses and a voice like Professor Frank from the Simpsons) "I've actually been working on a smaller version of the methane gas powered turbine that is powering the village right now from recycled food leftovers.

**Gus:** "Can you make one small enough and light enough to attach to the bottom of a hot air balloon?"

**Professor:** "Well, Ironically I already made a smaller version to experiment if the idea would work at all" "I could reconfigure my calculations, reduce the chamber size without jeopardizing the compression detonation" I'll have to make some more changes to make it lighter and smaller but, Ummmm, yes, I'm sure I can". Why don't you come on over and I'll show you what I already have?"

**Gus:** "I'll be right over."

**Gus arrives at the professor's work shop.**

**Professor:** (Camera is showing everything the professor is explaining) "This round container is where the fuel is stored "The fuel consists of most leftovers such as any discarded fruit, vegetables, apple cores, banana peels, misc. meats, etc. Then I reinstall lid, then push the ignitor button." (Ignitor button is clearly marked "IGNITOR") Professor: "When you start the ignitor it moves the materials to the composting chamber, after some compression, then it moves to the methane chamber. The methane mixes with fresh air which enters from the air intake which is here." Once the methane and air are properly mixed it goes to the combustion chamber and the ignitor sets off the controlled explosions which creates the jet propulsion which as you know, that will push the balloon"

**Gus:** "Wow, you are unbelievable, how in the world did you come up with this? This is going to be perfect"

**The next day while Martha and the Grinch are having there morning coffee the phone rings.**

**Martha answers the phone and says** "good morning....., how are you?"

**She listens for a second and says to the Grinch,** "this is for you".

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He asks Martha: "who is it?"

Martha: Gus Who.

Grinch: "Henry?..... George?..... Frank? ..... Ralph?..... this is ridiculous, who is it?"

Martha: "I didn't say guess who, I said Gus Who?"

He takes the phone from Martha and complains: "what's the deal with all these WHO names anyway?"

Grinch: "yes Gus, what's up? a balloon? (The grinch is giggling and laughing at his own joke and says: Oh, I am just a riot"

Gus: "I talked to the professor and we have an idea for the balloon, can I come over and we can talk?"

Grinch: "Come on over, I'm all ears.

Grinch looks directly into the camera and says: "Actually that's not true, I have very small adorable ears, you can't see them because of my gorgeous flowing hair" as he flips both his hands through each side of his hair.

Gus arrives a few minutes later and rings the doorbell. Martha comes from the hallway and opens the front door.

Martha: "Hello Gus, come on in."

Grinch: (While sitting at the kitchen table eating baked beans from the can, he stops chewing for a second and yells) "Who's at the door?"

Martha: "I know, I let him in!"

Grinch: "You let who in?"

Martha: "Yes"

Grinch: "Yes who?"

Martha: "No, Gus Who!"

Grinch: "Please ..... really?"

Martha: "Gus, the balloon guy"

Grinch in Grumpy voice: "Then why didn't you tell me that in the first place?"

Martha shakes her head and points toward the hallway and tells Gus, "He is in the kitchen, just go through there and to your right" The Grinch gets up from the table to greet Gus but lets out a small fart. Camera zooms in on Max who was sitting there, covers his nose with his paw. Yoowho who also is sitting there has that disgusted look on his face. Grinch looks directly into the camera and says: "Oops, those beans get me every time"

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He meets Gus and asks him to sit at the table so they can talk. They both sit down at the table and the Grinch lets out another fart and points to the opened can of beans and says: "I'm so sorry, they give me so much gas, it's crazy !!"

Gus: "I saw a new car in your driveway, did you guys buy a new car?"

Grinch: "With all the running around we do since we opened the park, we decided we need one"

Gus: "What model is it?"

Grinch: "It's a Whobaru"

Gus: "Very nice, well anyway, I saw Professor Who Knows and he has a solution to our problem. First, I will build another balloon just like the big one at the park. It will need to be like the big one to fit the supplies and equipment needed to power the balloon. Professor actually has been working on a project that is very similar to what we need, we just have to figure out how to adapt it to work on the balloon. On the bottom of the balloon, we have to mount two.....

CAMERA FADES AWAY as Gus starts explaining all the details to Grinch, but not to bore the audience with the details again the camera fades away..... As the camera is completely faded you hear another fart and you hear the Grinch say "Excuse me"

Narrator: The Grinch is trained by the Professor and Gus, being that they both know different operations of the newly designed balloon. The Grinch has just been assuming that Gus would go with him but Gus told him, he was on his own because it was just too dangerous to travel the unknown like that. It was at that point the Grinch realized just how dangerous it would be. Grinch is determined though, and continues his training

CAMERA SHOWS MISC SCENES OF TRAINING WITH GUS AND PROFESSOR.....

Gus while pointing to instruments on the dashboard: "This is your compass, you know, North, South, East or West. Push this lever up to go up and push it down to go down."

Grinch: "Oh this is simple, I'm ready to go"

Professor: Hold on their big fella, those are the only two simple controls on this balloon. The rest gets a little more complicated."

Grinch rubbing his hands together in excitement: "Bring it on!"

Gus: "This is your Altimeter"

Grinch: "Alter-what-er"

Gus: Altimeter, this gives you your altitude"

Grinch in grumpy voice: I don't think my attitude is anybody's business but my own"

Gus slowly repeats: "Altitude, meaning how high you are"

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Grinch while putting his arms to his side: "I knew that, I was just joking with ya"

Gus: "This gauge here is Vertical Speed"

Grinch with a confused look: "What-ta-cull-what?"

Gus speaking a little slower: "Vertical Speed, its whether you are going up or down and how fast you are doing it. You don't want to do either too quickly."

Grinch with nervous laugh: "Especially the down part ....."

Grinch nervously looking left and right: Ahhhhhh, boys, I think you forgot something. Where is the steering wheel?"

Gus: "There is no steering wheel"

Grinch: What, are you people crazy?

Grinch points to his left: What if I want to go that way?"

Grinch points to his right: What if I want go that way?"

Gus: "Okay, this where the training gets difficult"

Grinch pulls a notebook out and a pencil from behind his ear and starts frantically writing down some notes

Gus: "Usually, direction is changed with a combination of wind direction and altitude change, but the professor's modifications will help you. That's going to take some more training."

Grinch: "How do you spell altitude?"

Gus: "You don't have to worry about spelling it, the professor and I put together a manual with everything you will need to know. There even is an index with everything listed alphabetically."

Grinch: "Al-fa-what-ee?"

Professor: "Alphabetically, you know: A, B, C, D, E....."

Grinch in grumpy voice: "I know what it means, what do you think, I'm stupid?"

Professor: "Of course not, it's just a lot for you to take in all at once. Let me explain a little about the steering though before we get into the turbo part. The turbos are going to use a lot of fuel so you only use them when the wind is pushing you in the wrong direction."

Grinch talking out loud when writing in his notes: "Wrong direction" Dots the note pad with his pencil and says: "Got it"

Professor: So, you fire up the turbos with this button here, and adjust your speed with this control here..... CAMERA FADES AWAY

Narrator: "Grinch has completed many, many hours of training" (Camera can show him studying with note book underling items, circling items, adding note etc.) "The Professor, and

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Gus decides that Grinch is as ready as he will ever be. Now it's time for Grinch to practice lifting and landing". The Professor stood aside while Grinch and Gus get on board the balloon. Grinch practiced starting off and rising well above the village. There was a breeze blowing north which as you know is common in Whoville. The Grinch practiced steering the balloon back south with a combination of the propellor and the Professors turbine system.

CAMERA can show him practicing, moving levers, pushing buttons, turbines firing up and then can show Grinch landing the balloon in the same spot he lifted from.

Narrator: "The Professor and Gus were extremely impressed with the Grinches perfect landing. The Grinch, Gus and the Professor all agree he is ready for the trip. After thinking about the trip for a couple of days, Grinch decides it is time to make the trip, but suggests Martha should not go because it's too dangerous.

CAMERA shows Grinch and Gus starting the process of filling the balloon with hot air. The balloon is tied down and the villagers are starting to crowd around to cheer him off on his dangerous trip. Camera pans over to Martha May who has tears rolling from her eyes.

Narrator: They all seem to understand his need to find his roots but are a little concerned as they all have grown to love him. The balloon is nearly ready for lift off as the heater has been filling the balloon for a while. The mayor is in front of the crowd and he is so ecstatic and can hardly control his excitement. As you remember the mayor was the one that helped sway the Grinch into thinking that he might find his family if he headed north.

CAMERA shows Grinch and Gus loading the balloon with food and supplies that are handed up to them by the professor. The stack of supplies is getting near the end when Grinch looks back out at the crowd and does not see Martha. Grinch leans over side of the balloon and looks left and right and does not see her. He walks to the other side of the balloon and looks and still does not see her.

Grinch while cupping his hands around his mouth yells out loudly: "Martha?" ..... Martha, where are you?

CAMERA shows the crowd backing up looking all around to find her. You can hear everyone asking, "Where's Martha?"

Grinch: "Does anyone know where she is?"

Grinch while putting his hands to his sides: "I'm not leaving until I get my kiss goodbye."

You can hear all the woman in the crowd: "Ahhhhhhhhhhhh....."

Clarnella Who works her way to the front of the crowd, Clarnella if you don't remember is one of the two caretakers that raised the Grinch.

Clarnella: "Martha ran back to the house, she said you forgot something and she would be right back, don't leave until she gets back"

Grinch pulls out his notebook, fumbles through several pages.

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Grinch: "Check, I got that ", turns page – "check, I got that", turns page – "check – check – check", turns page- "check, got two, got it, check, check, oooh, I got six of these".

Pulls out his wallet and opens it up and camera zooms in on his balloon license "got my license, I'm sure I have everything"

CAMERA pans out to Martha running toward the balloon while struggling with a big suitcase in one hand and a picnic basket in the other and yells out: "You forgot me"

CAMERA shows entire crowd going: "Huuuuuuuhhhhh?"

Grinch: "Martha May, what are you doing?"

Martha: "You forgot me"

Grinch: "We've talked about this over and over, this trip is too dangerous."

Martha: "let me on board, I want to give you some more warm clothes and food in case you don't have enough. And more important I want to give you a great big hug and kiss"

Crowd again: "Ahhhhhhhhhhhh"

Grinch opens the basket door and Martha enters. He grabs the suitcase from her and she carries in the picnic basket. Martha closes the basket door she tells the Grinch: "Take a look at those sandwiches I made for you. All your favorites"

As the Grinch reaches in the picnic basket and focuses on the sandwiches, he is completely distracted as she picks up and throws overboard 3 sandbags. The balloon starts to lift and two straps that are holding the balloon down pull out of the ground. The balloon starts to lift quicker. The crowd starts to gasp, Gus reaches for one strap but misses. The camera now zooms in on the mayor's face because he now is realizing that his plan of ridding the Grinch forever has now backfired and he may lose Martha May forever. The wind picks up as the mayor jumps forward and grabs a strap. He is lifted about six feet off the ground and can no longer hang on and falls to the ground. The crowd once again gasps in unison.

Grinch to Martha in his grumpy and now crazy voice: "What in the world is wrong with you? Are you crazy? You know I can turn this thing around and land it back down, don't you?"

Martha: "Please don't, I love you and want to be a part of this. I have a good feeling about this, if you have family, I want to be part of it too. If we have children, I want them to be part of it too."

Grinch closes his eyes and slowly shakes his head, opens his eyes and says: "You are nuts, you know that?"

Martha stares into his eyes and slowly nods her head up and down

Grinch: "Well I guess that works out because I'm nuts over you"

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As the balloon continues to rise, they embrace each other and then lean over to wave goodbye to the cheering crowds below. The balloon continues to rise and is now they can look down at Mt Crumpit park from an angle they have never seen before.

Martha; "Look at that beautiful park, just think, that's all there because of you."

Grinch: "Yeeppppp, yeeppppp, yeeppppp, although I couldn't have done it without you. We are an awesome team."

CAMERA shows the balloon has now risen above the peak of Mt Crumpit. The Grinch looks at the compass to confirm the northern breeze is sending them in the right direction.

Grinch: 'I just got to warn you this won't be all fun and games. I'm thinking the nights are going to get quite cold."

Martha opens her suitcase says: "I took that into consideration and packed some extra warm clothes" She picks up sweater and says: "See how this matches my eye shadow?"

Martha in a panic: "Ohhhh, crapadoodle, you must turn this thing around and go back, I forgot my eye shadow, I can't see your family looking like this."

Grinch: "Two things, one, we are not turning this thing around, two, you don't need makeup to look beautiful!"

Martha: "Yeah but....."

Grinch: "No butts allowed on this balloon."

Grinch looks into camera, cups one hand around his mouth as to whisper: "Especially big ones, we have to keep the weight down on this thing"

Martha: "Okay, but tell me the part about looking beautiful again"

They both giggle and sit next to each other, they slide together and cuddle

Grinch: "I just thought of something, how did you pack all that stuff and make all those sandwiches? You were only gone for a little while.

Martha: "Well, it's a long story but I guess we got a lot time to kill so I guess I can tell you from the start. A couple of days ago Clarnella called me and she wanted to talk. I went over to her place and she told me how it always broke her heart not being able to find out if you were delivered to Whoville by mistake. She told me about a nameplate that was in your pumbercella basket that was ripped in two and part of the paper was missing. She never told you or anyone about it because she didn't want you to grow up feeling like some sort of mistake. When she found out you were going on this trip, she thought it might be some sort of clue that might be helpful in finding your homeland. I told her I would give it to you and explain everything. I packed some clothes and extra food in case I could convince you to let me go. I decided not to go because I actually was scared, this morning I was just going to kiss you goodbye and give you this envelope with a note explaining the torn papers. When I saw Clarnella in the crowd she looked at me and blew me a kiss. I don't know what happened to me at that moment, but I

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changed my mind and I decided that I was going with you and nothing was going to stop me. So, here I am.”

Grinch: “So, what kind of sandwiches did you bring?”

Martha: “Are you kidding me, that’s all you can think of right now?”

Grinch while grinning and shaking his head, then exhales loudly: “I had to lighten the moment because I think I might have started balling” With a nervous laugh

Martha: “Boy, that heart of yours keeps growing, you are so sweet”

Grinch stands up and turns the propellers on for a moment to make a slight adjustment to correct their northern route and sits back down next to Martha

Grinch: “So what’s this paper you’re talking about?”

Martha: “I’ll show you when the time is right, okay? Not now”

CAMERA pans back at Mt. Crumpit, you can barely see it in the background

Grinch: “Who’s watching Max and You Who?”

Martha: “Yep”

Grinch: “Yep? what do you mean yep? who’s watching the dogs?”

Martha: “Yes, you are correct”

Grinch: “I am correct? I’m not even sure I know what I’m talking about”

Martha while laughing: “Cindy Lou Who is watching the dogs, she is going to walk them and feed them everyday”

Grinch: “Could someone please explain to me why everyone’s last name has Who in it?”

Martha: “Because that’s what we do when you’re a Who from Whoville”

Grinch while shaking his head and moving his hands to gesture confusion: “But why do you who’s do what you do? ..... Ohhhhhh, never mind”

Martha snuggles up closer while laughing and Grinch joins in laughing also

CAMERA can show Grinch adding some heat to the balloon and then pans down and show heavy, thick forest below them as far as the eye can see

Narrator: They ride into first night; everything went surprisingly well. Martha May got a good night’s rest and even Grinch got several moments of sleep just checking all the gauges to make sure they were still heading north and maintaining the proper altitude. When the sun rose the next morning, they were a little disappointed they couldn’t see any mountains in the horizon but the they figured they had enough fuel for up to 9 days of travel including the trip back.

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## DAY 2 OF TRIP

CAMERA once again can show Grinch adding heat to the balloon and the heavy, thick forest below

Martha: "You must be hungry; you haven't eaten since yesterday morning"

Grinch: "I had a quick bite to eat last night before I tried to rest, you were already asleep. But yes, I am staaaaaaaaaaaaarrrrrving."

Martha opens a door under one of the bench seats: "What foods did you pack?"

Grinch: "I packed a dozen cans of baked beans and made a dozen Whonutbutter and jelly sandwiches"

Martha moving things around says: "I see twelve sandwiches and only 11 cans of baked beans"

Grinch lets out a fart: "Excuse me"

Martha moves suddenly to the other side of the balloon and holds her hand over her nose: "Are you kidding me, I guess I know why you are missing a can. I have nowhere to hide. Is this all you packed for food?"

Grinch opened another door under a seat bench and picks up items and models them one at a time: "I have 2 bunches of bananas, a dozen apples, a couple bunches of grapes."

Grinch with his hands around his belly, says sarcastically: "You know I'm trying to maintain this magnificent display of fitness"

Martha shakes her head and says: "Okay, and let's get one thing perfectly straight right here and now. Don't you dare open one can of those beans while I'm stuck in this bucket with you"

Grinch while pointing: "What's in your picnic basket thingy over there?"

Martha: "I made all our favorites. For breakfast I made some whobacon and egg sandwiches. For lunch and dinner, we have whoham and cheese, and your favorite, roast beast with cheese and a big bowl of whona fish salad".

Grinch: "Awesome, thank you, I'll have a Whobacon and egg please"

CAMERA can show Grinch and Martha enjoying their breakfast and some fruit. Banana peels are dropped into the small trap door above the compost chamber

Narrator: Another long day of travel above the dense forest below, still no mountain ranges in sight. They both have sandwiches and some fruit around lunch time and also again for dinner. Grinch and Martha are starting to get concerned but don't want to show any fear to the other. Daytime turns into night time and once again they snuggle next to each and cover up with a blanket to stay warm.

Martha: "What a beautiful clear night, the stars are so bright tonight, oh look...Martha points ... you can see the Who Dipper".

Grinch: "A who what-ter?"

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Martha: "Who Dipper, if you were to draw an imaginary line from one star to the others it will look like a dipper, like a scoop"

Grinch: "Okay, if you say so. I think you've been smelling too much propane"

Martha: "I'll tell you what I'm been smelling too much of"

CAMERA can show them both laughing... then show a shooting star go across the sky. Grinch and Martha both point and say: "Did you see that?"

Grinch: "What was that?"

Martha: "That was a shooting star. Did you ever see one before?"

Grinch: "No, but I remember Clarnella and Rose told me about them and they said something about a wish"

Martha: "Yes, if you see a shooting star; you can make a wish. First you have to close your eyes."

Grinch: "Then what?"

Martha: "Are your eyes closed?"

Grinch: "No"

Martha: "Then close them ding dong"

Grinch: "Okay"

Martha: "Now, repeat after me"

Grinch: "After me, after me, after me"

Martha while laughing slaps his arm: "Come on, seriously, say what I say"

Grinch: "Okay, I'll be a good boy"

Martha: "Starlight, star bright, first star I see tonight: (Grinch repeats it)

"I wish I may, I wish I might", (Grinch repeats it)

"Have this wish I wish tonight" (Grinch repeats it)

Martha: "So make your wish, don't let me hear it and don't tell anyone what your wish was and the rumor is it will come true"

CAMERA pans back and you see both of them with their eyes still closed and you see them both smile, lean back and snuggle closer and drift off to sleep.

### DAY 3 OF TRIP

CAMERA shows a beautiful sunrise as Martha and Grinch awaken.

Martha: "Grinch, look how beautiful that is"

Grinch is looking at the sunrise and he takes a double take when he looks toward the north. He picks up a telescope and can see a very distant mountain range. "Martha, it looks like some sort of mountain ahead, there's no peak. It has a flat top"

Martha jumps up and down: "Let me see, let me see"

Grinch: "Easy girl, you're going to break the basket"

Grinch hands Martha the telescope, she looks and starts jumping again

Grinch: "Easy girl, calm down, so as we get closer, we have to start looking for a place to land, things may get a little tricky. At some point we have to start our decent, okay, got it?"

Martha: "Decent, got it, land, oh no, I got to put my makeup on and brush my hair, make sure I'm ready before we land"

Martha reaches into her suitcase and pulls out a blouse and a pair of slacks and holds them up in front of herself and asks Grinch: "Do you think these go together?"

Grinch while he is fumbling through the manual: "Really, now? Martha, this might not even be the place were looking for"

Grinch while turning pages: "L.., L.., L.., L.., Landing, here it is"

CAMERA shows Grinch speed reading, running his fingers back and forth, turn the page and continuing, taps his finger on the bottom of the second page and says: "Got it, we are good to go sister"

Martha: "Same here, this blouse is going to match these slacks better than the first one I showed you. I just wish I had my eye shadow, I can't believe I forgot it"

CAMERA can show as NARATTOR explains: As the balloon slowly gets closer to the mountain, they can see what looks like a large crater surrounded by mountains. Everything is green, the mountains are covered in moss. The crater area is a flat meadow which is covered with beautiful green grass which will be perfect for landing the balloon. The Grinch lowers the burner heat to the balloon which will begin the slow decent. As the balloon is getting closer to

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the landing area, they can see the mountains are filled with hundreds and hundreds of caves.



As the balloon is landing, they notice something peering out of all the caves. When the balloon actually touches down, Grinch turns off the burner completely. They can see these images coming out of all the caves and start walking towards the balloon. The Grinch and Martha are getting very nervous as to how they will be treated by these people. As they are getting closer, they can see that these people all look like the Grinch, green in color and hairy just like him.

**Grinch:** "Martha, this must be my homeland, look, they all look like me, aren't they all beautiful"

**Martha:** "ummmm, excuse me?"

**Grinch:** "Well, of course, they're not as beautiful as you sweetheart"

CAMERA shows the grinch looking people all start to slowly gather around the balloon, they are understandably nervous and confused as to what's before their eyes. The balloon starts deflating and starts falling on the northern side as that is the direction of the breeze. The people have to scurry out of the way of the falling balloon creating a few moments of panic. The crowd of people starts to build around them away from the balloon. They are all whispering, pointing and chatting to each other.



Grinch positions himself in the basket to face the crowd: "We have traveled a long way and I am searching for my family. I think when I was a baby I was delivered to the wrong village. I'm hoping this is the village I was supposed to be delivered to. We have come from a mountain village which is many miles south of here called Whoville." The Grinch moves Martha to his side "My name is Grinch and this is my wife Martha May." Crowd gasps and they all start whispering and grumbling to each other. It's quite obvious they are not real friendly.

A younger looking couple walks forward and introduces themselves as Frank and Susan Greenshire.

Susan: "We welcome you to Greenville, we will be glad to help you find your family and if you'd like you are welcome to stay with us during your visit".

The Grinch opens the door of the balloon basket and he and Martha step down. The Grinch asks Frank to help him tie down balloon which he does.

Susan: "Please come and stay with us, you can get cleaned up and I'm sure you must be hungry."

Martha: "We've been eating sandwiches for two days, we never got a chance to eat today because when we saw your village we had to start preparing to land. A home cooked meal sounds really, really good right about now"

Grinch: "Frank, would you mind helping me with some suitcases and a picnic basket?"

Frank: "Sure, hand them over"

Grinch hands Frank the picnic basket and Grinch takes the two suitcases and the four of them start walking towards the Greenshire's cave. The crowd is stepping aside and continuing to mutter and whisper to each other while staring at Martha.

Susan to Martha: "Martha, don't worry about those people, most of them are quite rude. It seems to be a custom around here. By the way, I love your blouse, it's got so many beautiful colors"

Martha: "Why thank you, I got it at Whomingdales".

Susan: "What's Whomingdales?"

Martha: "It's a clothing store in our village"

Susan: "We don't have many colors here, mostly everything is green or brown, kind of blah. The only beautiful thing around here is our sunsets and sunrises and sometimes we get a rainbow.

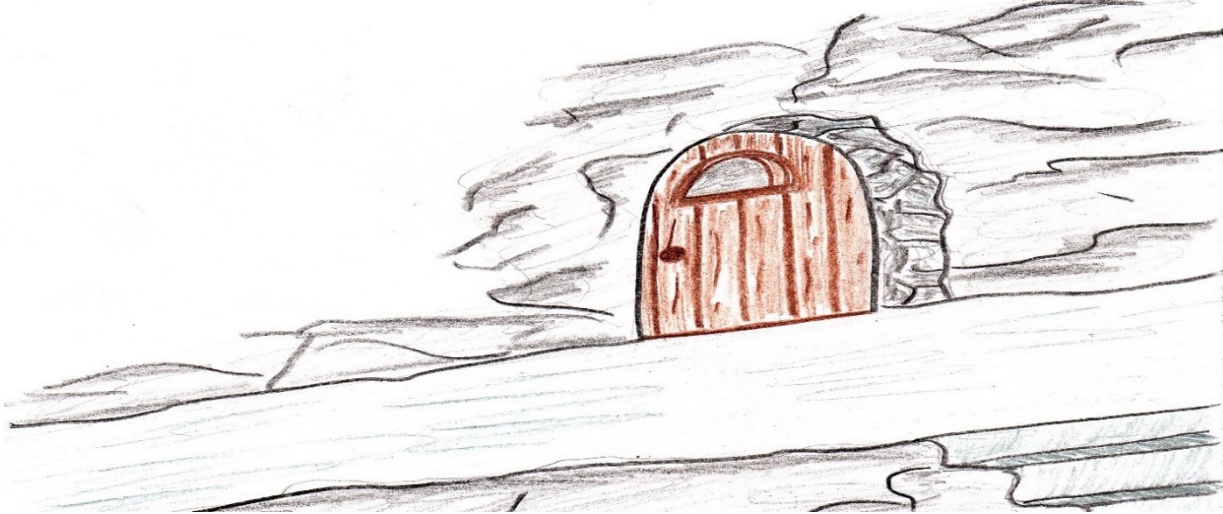
Martha: "Whoville is a beautiful place. All the colors of the rainbow and many, many more are everywhere. Our homes are colorful, flowers and fruits are colorful, everything. I miss it already"

Frank to Grinch: "So Grinch, how did you guys meet? You two seem so...., so....., different from each other?"

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Grinch: "That a long, long, really long story. All I know is, I'm glad it happened."

CAMERA shows them walking up about six steps and then a small platform leading to the front door of their cave. It's a large brown wooden door with a half-moon shaped window. The door opening is carved into the mountainside.



Frank opens the door: "Welcome to our home, we hope we can make you folks feel comfortable"

CAMERA shows Frank holding the door open as Martha, Susan, the Grinch and then Frank enter. Camera pans through a small but quaint front room with kitchen type area and a hallway leading to the rear of the cave.

Susan: "Welcome to our home, whatever you need let us know" There's a spare room on the far left and a shower directly across."

Martha: "Your home is so cute and cozy, I love it. Thank you so much for being so kind"

Grinch: "You said a shower down the hall?"

Frank: "Yes"

Grinch lifts his arm and smells his armpit and says: "Yeah I think I could use one"

Martha while chuckling: "Yes, you certainly do, although I don't think I'm a whole lot better"

The four of them chuckle

CAMERA FADES then shows Grinch and Martha entering the front room all cleaned up and in a change of clothes joining the Greenshires at the table.

Susan: "Oh Martha, that blouse is more beautiful than the other, Frank, look how beautiful that is"

Frank: "Yeah, whatever"

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Frank looks at Grinch and the two of them start laughing hysterically. The two of them turn and look at the ladies and both ladies are giving them the evil eye. Both Frank and Grinch immediately stop laughing.

Martha: "Thank you guys so much for having us and letting us stay here" I feel so much better now that I've showered and changed"

Grinch: "Thank you so much, I'm absolutely starving, can't wait to have a home cooked meal"

Susan takes out four glasses and pours them all a glass of green wine, as she is pouring, she says: "For dinner we will be having a nice green salad and then some green beans with our green ham.

Susan raises her wine glass: "Here is to our new friends and wishing them the best of luck in their search for Grinch's family."

Everyone stands and clinks their glasses and takes a sip

Martha stands up again and raises her glass: "And to this wine, this is out of this world, do you make your own wine?"

Susan: "Yes, Frank helps me, it's a lot of work. We got the recipe from our neighbor, Jean. She taught us every step"

Martha raises her glass again and says: "Heres to Jean"

They all click their glasses again while laughing and take a sip

Grinch: "Is everything green in Greenville"?

Susan: "Yep, pretty much so"

Grinch: "And I'm guessing that's why your village is named Greenville?"

Susan and Frank in unison: "Yep"

Frank: "It's something in the soil I guess".

You hear the "DING" of the oven

Susan: "The ham is ready, Frank, could you slice the ham?"

Grinch: "May I? I'm very good at it."

Frank: "Go ahead, be my guest, oh wait a minute, you already are" (with a chuckle)

Susan: "Martha, would you mind helping me bring the salads and beans to the table?"

Martha: "My pleasure"

Grinch finishes slicing the ham and Frank brings that to the table and they all have a seat

Grinch stands and raises his glass: "To Susan and Frank, thank you for this meal, especially for this delicious green ham"

Susan: "Thank you, but you haven't even tried it yet"

Grinch laughing says: "That's what you think"

Everyone laughs out loud

CAMERA can show while Narrator explains: "Everyone is passing the servings around the table, constant chatter and laughter. Grinch and Martha can be heard several times commenting on how delicious everything is. They all seem to be very comfortable with each other. The delicious dinner comes to a close and Susan pours them all a second glass."

Susan: "For breakfast tomorrow we will have some green tea and our finest green eggs and green bacon."

Grinch: "Just dawned on me" (Grinch turns and looks directly into the camera) "Green eggs and ham? Where have I heard that before?"

Frank: "So tomorrow we have come up with some sort of plan to talk to all the villagers, we'll probably have to go door to door to talk to everyone. These people don't socialize very much. I think when they all gathered around your balloon this morning, it's the first time they started talking to each other as a group"

Martha while yawning: "Very strange, don't you think?"

Susan: "I hate to say it, but yes. There's only a few that are friendly"

Martha: "You guys being two of them"

Grinch chuckles and says: "That up for debate"

Martha: "You're such a jerk"

Everyone laughs – Martha yawns a second time

Susan: "If you guys are tired and want to go to bed, go ahead, we completely understand, Frank and I can clear up the table and we'll see you in the morning"

Grinch and Martha look at each other and nod their heads

Martha "Yeah, if you don't mind, we are so exhausted"

Frank: "Absolutely, we understand. You guys are going to have a busy day tomorrow, well talk in the morning"

Everyone gives everyone a hug and say goodnight to each other

#### DAY 4 OF TRIP

Frank and Susan wake first and start setting the table for breakfast. Susan makes a pot of tea, then starts cooking up some bacon. Martha and Grinch enter the kitchen a few minutes later.

Susan: "I hope we didn't wake you guys"

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Grinch: "I was dreaming that a plate full of bacon was right in front of me and every time I reached for it the plate would move away. The second time I reached so quickly I accidentally punched Martha". She jumped up and that made me jump"

Martha: "Idiot"

Grinch: "Hey, were talking bacon here"

Everyone laughs

Frank: "Oh yeah, bacon will do that to ya"

Martha: "Good morning, Sue, good morning, Frank. I fell asleep a soon as my head hit the pillow

Grinch: "To be honest with you, I don't even remember getting into bed"

Grinch and Martha sit down at the table and Susan pours them a cup of tea

Grinch: "Is the bacon green too?"

Frank: "Yep"

Grinch while scratching his head as if confused: "So, are the chickens green?"

Frank: "No, they are brown"

Grinch: "But ....."

Martha puts her hand over Grinch's mouth to stop him from talking: "Grinch, please can we stop talking about the color of the food and just appreciate how lucky we are to be having it?"

Grinch: "Well yeah, but....."

Once again Martha puts her hand over his mouth and says: "Ah-Ah"

Martha: "So, what do you guys think? How do we go around and ask these people about searching for his family?"

Susan while looking over at Frank briefly: "Frank and I talked last night after you guys went to bed. We came up with an idea. After we finish breakfast, we can talk about it and you can tell us what you think"

Grinch: "I honestly don't know if I'm terrified or excited, my heart is pounding out of my chest"

CAMERA shows x-ray vision of his heart pounding

Martha: "I don't blame you honey; you have a lot on your plate"

Grinch looks down on his empty plate and says: "I don't see anything on my plate, is this a trick?"

Everyone laughs and Martha explains: "No honey, that's an old expression meaning you have a lot on your mind right now"



Grinch: "Oh, I thought I was going to miss out on those green eggs you talked about"

Susan: "Don't you worry Grinchy, the green eggs and bacon coming up shortly. Do you mind if I call you Grinchy?"

Grinch: "You can call me anything you want, just don't call me late for breakfast"

Everyone chuckles - Sue and Frank place all the food on the table, and they all pass the servings around the table

FAST FORWARD TO - Grinch and Martha saying they are stuffed and how everything was so good, Frank and Grinch can be seen rubbing their bellies indicating they couldn't possibly finish another bite. Frank and Sue get up and clear the table, Sue tops off everyone's tea cup. Frank and Sue come sit down at the table and start to explain their discussion of last night.

Frank: "Susan and I were talking last night about an older couple in the village that we know. Jean and Eugene Greeninch. Jean is the one that Susan talked to you about last night that taught us how to make the wine. Anyway, we had heard they were expecting a baby many years ago and when the baby boy was delivered, he didn't have any of our Greenville features. He wasn't green, he wasn't hairy, he never developed hairy fingers.

Susan: "They are a sweet old couple, the Greeninchs, they live just 7 caves south of us."

Frank: "Yeah, they are one of the nicest couples in the village. Their boy is now is a grown young man, his name is Hans. Hans is a home builder; he helps convert dungy caves into comfortable homes. His dad built many of these homes here for about 40 years and taught Hans everything he knew before he just couldn't do it anymore. Hans lives 3 caves south of his parents"

Susan: "He had a rough childhood because he was so different from us, but his parents did a great job raising him and he is well liked in the village. Trust me, it's difficult to be liked by anyone here, they are all miserable. They originally were going to name their baby if it was a boy, Ethan, but decided on Hans. You know Martha, he has a lot of your features."

Martha: "Interesting, I'm just thinking, (Martha looks toward Grinch) I'm not even sure if Grinch knows this. I have heard from a lot of other Who's that a policeman in our village, Officer Wholihan, and his wife were expecting a baby around the same time that Grinch appeared in Whoville, but their baby never arrived. They evidently were heartbroken but figured it just wasn't meant to be".

Martha: "You know, it all connects, my husband and the Wholihan's baby were accidentally switched, Grinch showed up in a pumbercella basket at the doorstep of two elderly sisters that ended up adopting him....."

Camera can show misc. segments while the Narrator explains the scene of the two pumbercellas bumping into each other and getting knocked off course. Grinch, ended up at the steps of two sisters, Clarnella and Rose Who. The next morning, they discovered him out in the cold and brought the basket with the shivering baby inside. When they took him out of the basket to wrap him with warm blankets, a note had dropped to the floor. After they warmed

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him up, they fed him. He devoured everything they gave him and even took a bite out of a Santa dish they had. Once they had a moment, they discovered the note on the floor. When they put the two pieces together, they could see some parts of it were missing. Poor little thing was probably starving and started eating the note. They realized it was probably supposed to be the name of the family that was to receive him. Obviously, they could see he was different from all the other Whos, but felt sorry for him and didn't want him to be put in an orphanage. They adopted him and took good care of him, they never gave him a first name but everyone called him the Grinch because of the note in his basket, plus the nickname happened to fit his grouchy attitude. They tried teaching him right from wrong but probably because he was always picked on by the other kids he grew up as an unhappy child. Clarnella and Rose were devastated when he ran away.

Susan: "Wow, it has to be the Greeninch's, I mean, how can it not be? Grinch, whenever you are up to it, we can take a walk down there

Grinch: "I guess I'm as ready as I will ever be"

Frank: "You sure?"

Grinch: "Yep"

They all get out of the chairs and head for the front door and then suddenly Grinch says: "I'm not ready yet"

Martha: "You still a little nervous?"

Grinch squinting his face and holding his butt with his two hands says: "I have to go potty, I haven't gone in four days"

Grinch runs down the hall still holding his butt while everyone is laughing hysterically

Martha while still laughing: "I hope you have a vent in there?"

Susan: "Oh yeah, I had Hans put one in after stinky boy over here tried to kill me, I think"

Frank while laughing: "Oh come on, it's not that bad"

Susan while shaking her head: "Maybe for you"

After several minutes Martha goes down hall to bathroom door and knocks on the door and says: "Are you okay in there?"

Grinch: "I'm just about done - ffffaaarrrrrrrtttt- nope, not done"

Martha comes back out to front room: "I'm sorry, he'll be another couple of minutes"

A few more minutes pass and Grinch comes up the hall: "You might want to wait a minute or two before you go back there"

Everyone scurries to the front door to try to be the first one out, Susan reaches the door first, Martha pulls her back and jumps in front of her, Frank pulls Martha back and jumps in front of

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her, Frank opens the door and they all run outside and Grinch comes out last. At this point everyone is completely hysterical as they all go outside and pretend to gasp for air.

Susan: "I don't remember the last time I laughed that hard"

Frank: "Me either"

CAMERA shows while Narrator explains: Still continuing to laugh as they walk down the path, as they are getting closer the laughter settles down as they becoming a little nervous of what's ahead. They reach the Greeninch's front door, Susan knocks on the front door, Frank and Martha behind her and Grinch is hiding in the back (he is really nervous understandably so.)

The front door opens and it's Mrs. Greeninch (Jean)

Jean: "Good morning, Susan, what brings you here"?

Susan: "Hi Jean, Frank and I brought some folks that we think you will be very interested in meeting"

Jean: "Please come in and make yourself comfortable". Jean turns and yells quite loudly down the hallway to her husband Eugene. "Eugene, the Greenshires are here with some people they want us to meet" Eugene walks up and Susan starts introducing everybody.

Susan, "This is Grinch and his wife Martha May" she then turns and introduces "This is Jean and Eugene" Everyone shakes hands and are then asked to have a seat by Jean

Jean: "Oh, so you are the people that arrived yesterday on that big balloon thing. Can I interest anyone in a cup of tea"

Susan: "Jean, we are all set but thank you for asking. Jean, please have a seat yourself because this may be difficult to take in all at once"

Everyone sits down including Jean

Susan: "Jean, as you heard yesterday, they have traveled a long way to get here to try to trace Grinch's family" We think we have found his family."

Jean: "Oh my goodness, that's good news", she turns toward Eugene and says "isn't that good news"?

Eugene: "Thanks for asking, I did have a good snooze"

Jean: "GOOD NEWS"!

Eugene: "No, how would I have any good news? I just woke up"

Jean: "Never mind", she turns back toward the group and says "Eugene doesn't hear so well" "So, do you know if they are from Greenville?"

Martha May: "We are quite sure they are from Greenville"

Jean: "Do you think they live close by"?

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Martha May: "Closer than you think"

Grinch: "Jean, do you remember the day your son Hans arrived in the pumbercella"? I think your son was supposed to be delivered to our village of Whoville and I was supposed to be delivered to you". "I think, like, I'm your son"

Jean: "Excuse me, what did you just say"?

Grinch: (A little louder) "I think I'm your son"

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Eugene: "What did he say"? "He stinks like a skunk"?

Susan: (loudly): "He thinks he's our son"

Camera pans the entire room, absolute silence. Jean is still, with her mouth open. Eugene looks totally confused but is afraid to say anything because he is assuming he didn't hear correctly again and is too embarrassed to ask again what they said.

Susan: "Jean, can I get you a glass of water or something"?

Jean: "Yes, sweetheart that would be great"

Susan gets both Jean and Eugene a glass of water. Grinch gestures to get him one too, which she does. They all take a couple of large gulps

Jean: "Okay, you've got to understand what you are saying is life changing, especially for our son Hans.

Grinch: "For me as well, but only for the better"

Grinch gets up and grabs a photograph of their son Hans off of the end table and holds it next to Martha May and says: "You have to admit, I look a lot like you folks and your son looks a lot like Martha May, and Martha May looks similar to all the other citizens of Whoville. Well, except Martha is more beautiful than most of the women in Whoville"

Martha: "Most?"

Grinch: "Did I say most? I meant all..... please Martha, one problem at a time"

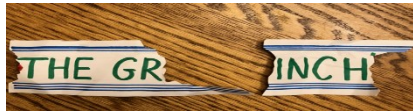
Grinch walks over to Jean and hands her the picture. Jean looks at the picture than looks up at Martha, she does this a couple of times then just continues to stare at the picture while Grinch starts to explain: "On the night that Hans arrived on your front steps, there was a strange wind, it changed direction probably just long enough to create a problem. The wind for a short time blew south rather north like it usually does."

Martha May: "Grinch's pumbercella and another baby in a pumbercella headed for a Whoville family both got knocked off course and arrived to the wrong homes".

Narrator: Martha May reaches into her bag and pulls out two pieces of paper. The old battered, half chewed nametag with the expected family name on it. Clarnella Who gave it to Martha

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May just before she went on the trip. Martha May walked over to Jeans chair and handed her the two pieces of paper.



Martha May: "Jean, this name tag was in the basket that Grinch was delivered in. We figured he started chewing on it as he was probably very hungry. I'm sure it used to spell

Greenfinch. The doorstep that he landed at were two elderly sisters that adopted him and did their best to raise him"

Jeans hands were trembling as she put the two pieces together and tears started streaming from her eyes. She put the papers down on the end table and got out of her chair and slowly walked down the hall. There was total silence from everyone including Gene. The camera pans over to Grinch and Martha who are confused as to why she left the room without any explanation.

A few moments pass, Jean returns to the front room and hands Martha a piece of paper, evidently with the name of the expected family of Hans. Jean: "We were quite shocked and didn't know what to do. Nobody by this name lives in this village. We were going to name our little boy Ethan but decided to give him the name Hans" Martha looks down and reads the name and immediately starts crying, she hands the paper to Grinch and he immediately starts crying.



Grinch gets up and walks over to Jean and says: "Mom, I'm Ethan, boy did I miss you, I knew something was missing in my life". Jean got up and said: "Son, I am so sorry this happened to you, this time were not going to be separated ever again". They give each other a long, long hug, tears coming from their eyes. Camera pans to everybody, everyone is crying except for Eugene. Eugene is totally confused as to what is going on.

Grinch/Ethan turns and looks at Eugene and says loudly: "Well dad, you want to go out and see a ball game?" Eugene gets up and says: "What, see a small flame?"

Grinch/Ethan: "BALL GAME! Oh, never mind pops, let me give you a big hug"

Grinch gets up and gives his dad a big hug, Eugene looks at his wife and says: "Could someone please tell me what in the world is going on here!"

Jean moves over to her husband and cups her hand around his ear and takes a couple of moments to explain what has just happened. Eugene falls back into his chair and everyone is giving him the time he needs to let everything soak in. The room is in total silence as everyone is not quite sure what to do next. Eugene slowly gets out of his chair and approaches Grinch who is a nervous wreck and doesn't know what to expect:

Eugene: "Welcome home son"

Ethan starts doing his happy dance around and around, everyone is clapping and cheering and hugging and then all of a sudden Jean stops and says: "Oh my, we have to tell Hans the news" "This is horrible, no it's exciting, no it's ....., I don't know what it is."

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**Martha:** "Jean, that will be difficult but you and Eugene will always be his mom and dad, he will always love you. He's a successful grown man now and it's all because of you two." "Yes, he probably will want to meet his real parents someday but that's something he has to figure out"

**Susan:** "I think we should all head out and give the Greeninch's time alone to take it all in and give Hans the news"

**Susan, Frank and Martha give the Greeninch's a hug, Susan turns to Jean and says:** Whatever we can do let us know, were just a couple of doors down"

**Grinch gives them another long hug and they all start to walk out, Grinch turns and says:** "Bye mom, bye dad" **Grinch looks into the camera and says:** "vu ja de- I know I've never did that before!"

**CAMERA shows while Narrator explains:** Jean and Eugene are hugging and both are sobbing. The emotions are so mixed, it's a very difficult moment for them. Eugene has to sit back down. They both keep repeating "I can't believe this; I can't believe this"

**Jean:** "I'm so nervous, how are we going to tell Hans?"

**Eugene:** "I have a good feeling about this, trust me dear, it's all going to work out for the better. How can it not?" Hans knows we love him; he will always be our son. He is not going to lose his parents, he going to gain a pair. And in a strange way he now has that brother he always wanted."

**Eugene with a nervous chuckle:** "Yeah, he has a twin brother"

**Jean as she is still looking out the window:** "You know what, you are absolutely right, it's all going to work out."

**CAMERA shows while Narrator explains:** Jean is pacing from the back of the room to the front of the room, peeks out the window and repeats this pattern several times. Hans would always stop in and say Hi every day after work, occasionally Jean would ask him to join them for dinner. Today would surely be one of those days. Ironically the same thing is happening over at the Greenshire's home. Susan and Frank keep taking turns looking out the front window hoping to catch a peek of Hans coming home.

**Martha:** "So, what do we do when Hans does come home?"

**Susan:** "Well, I'm sure Jean will probably ask him to stay for dinner which he does occasionally and she will give him the news. I think we need to give them the rest of the night to let it all soak in. I feel so bad for them, this is really going to be a difficult time for them. Maybe tomorrow we can walk down and see how everyone is doing."

**Camera shows Grinch dancing and singing from one side of the house to the other:** "I have a mommy – I have a daddy – I have a mother- I have a father – I have a momma-I have a pappa" ..... " – "I'm so excited, I can't sit still"

**Everyone is giggling but can certainly understand his excitement**

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Martha: "Okay Grinch, oh wait, I mean Ethan, calm down"

Grinch starts dancing again: "My name is Ethan- My name is Ethan"

Martha: "Hey Ethan, you know what? I can say it now. My wish the other night came true. I wished we would find your family"

Grinch: "Can I say mine?"

Martha: "Only if it came true"

Grinch: "I wished for the same thing, I guess that shooting star thing really works"

Susan: "This whole story is unbelievable; I am so happy for you two, but truly it's just beginning"

Frank: "So guys, what do you want to do today?"

Martha: "Can you show us around town?"

Susan: "There is really nothing to show, you've already seen just about everything, a ring of mountains all around us with a big meadow in the middle. Down in the meadow there is a large community garden and some farm land where we raise the chickens and some pigs. If you want to take a walk, we can show you."

Grinch: "Are the pigs green?"

Frank: "Yep"

Grinch: "But, the chickens are brown"

Frank: "You can't have green chickens, that would be fowl"

Susan: "That joke is fowl"

Grinch: "Speaking of bad jokes, what do you give a pig for a boo-boo?"

Frank thinks for a second: "I don't know, what do you give a pig for a boo-boo?"

Grinch: "Oinkment"

Susan while chuckling: "Boooooooooo, that was horrible"

Grinch: "Please, let's take a walk down, I'm way too nervous to just sit around all day, plus I just want to go down and check out the balloon. Make sure nobody has messed with it."

Frank: "I have to say, that's one thing with this village, as cranky as these people are, nobody would touch anything on your balloon. Everyone totally respects other people's property; it's always been that way"

CAMERA/NARRATOR: "They walk down to the meadow area and Frank and Sue show them the massive gardens, fruit trees, chicken farms, pig farms. Grinch and Martha learn all about the barter system and how it works being there is no type of money in Greenville. They walked

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down to the balloon site and just as Frank had mentioned, everything was exactly as they left it. Frank checked all the straps to make sure everything was still secure.

Martha: "Grinch dear, see if the cooler still has ice in it, if it does, grab the whonafish salad, we can have it tonight with dinner"

Grinch: "There's a couple of sandwiches here, what about those?"

Martha: "If there not on ice then toss them in the compost chamber"

Grinch to Frank: "Speaking of compost, do you think you could get some spoiled fruit and vegetables from the farming people for my compost chamber?"

Frank: "That shouldn't be a problem, will go down tomorrow first thing with some buckets"

Grinch grabs the whonafish salad and the all start the walk back to the Greenshires

Susan: "What's whofish"

Martha: "Not Whofish, it's called whonafish, whonafish salad. It's an old recipe I got from my mom"

Martha turns to find out why Frank and Sue are laughing and she sees Grinch holding his nose closed.

Martha: "What? you said you like it"

Grinch: "Its not a matter of taste..... (looking upward as if thinking), oh yeah, it gives me bad gas"

Martha: "No....., its those stupid baked beans that give you gas"

Everyone laughs out loud once again as they are getting close to the Greenshires home

Susan: "We have so much fun with you guys, we certainly understand if you don't stay, but we sure will be sad to see you go"

CAMERA/NARRATOR: They enter the Greenshires home and all sit down to relax from their long walk. Susan puts the Whonafish in the chillerator. She then goes back to the front door to take a quick peek to see if she can see Hans coming home from work.

Frank: "Anybody ready for some wine?"

Susan: "Don't you think it's a little early?"

Martha: "NOPE"

Grinch: "NOPE"

Frank: "NOPE"

Susan: "Okay, I'm in"

They all laugh as Frank pours 4 glasses of wine; they all sit down at the table and take a sip.

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Grinch stands while holding his glass of wine: "Something just occurred to me, Martha, please bring your wine and stand next to me"

Martha does like he asks: "Oh boy, this should be good"

Everyone chuckles lightly

Grinch, would everyone raise your glass please (which they all do) Grinch says with a voice like an announcer: "May I introduce to you, the first time in public, Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Greeninch"

Everyone cheers and takes a sip

Martha: "Ooooooh, I never thought about that"

Frank grabs a spoon and starts tapping his wine glass and Sue follows. Grinch and Martha give each other a big long kiss. After the kiss, Grinch wipes a tear from his eye and says: "I'm leaking again"

Martha: "Give me another kiss Mr. Greeninch, you big green teddy bear"

Grinch does so and puts his glass down and starts dancing around: "I'm Mr. Greeninch, I'm Mr. Greeninch" Martha follows: "I'm Mrs. Greeninch, I'm Mrs. Greeninch"

The two sit down and Grinch says: "How come it's pronounced "GRENinch" and not GREENinch if there is GREEN in the name? Yours is pronounced GREENshire"

Susan and Frank look at each other and shrug their shoulders and Sue says: "Because it is, that's why"

Everyone chuckles again and Grinch starts tapping on his own wine glass

Martha: "You can't do that, that's against the rules"

Frank starts tapping his glass and Martha and Grinch give each other one more kiss

Susan goes over to door again and peeks out the window: "I think he is down there checking out your balloon, here he comes, he's headed up".

Martha:" Let me see, let me see"

Susan:" He's straight ahead, coming our way"

Martha looks out window: "He's very muscular..... and cute" Martha ducks away from window not to get caught

Grinch clears his throat loudly

Martha: "Definitely not as muscular as you dear" while grinning towards Susan

Grinch clears his throat again

Martha: "Oh honey, I'm sorry, he's not as handsome as you either"

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Everyone chuckles

Susan looks out the window, positioning herself so she can see him reaching his parents door, then entering after a short moment. "Well, his world is about to change in a hurry"

CAMERA can show as Narrator explains: "The room becomes totally silent as the four of them are sitting back trying to visualize what's happening at the Greeninch home. Grinch gets up again and starts pacing very nervously. Grinch is deep into thought as to what will happen with his parents, does he ask them to come back to Whoville with them? Would Hans stay in Greenville or come back with them and meet his own birth parents, the Wholihans? Susan is wondering what will happen to the Greeninch's if Hans goes to Whoville and leaves them behind. Even Martha is a little concerned, would Grinch stay behind? How would she get home or would she stay here with him? Everyone is a nervous wreck trying to figure what's going to happen next. Its approaching dinner time and everyone is not even sure if they are hungry.

Susan: "I don't know about you guys but I'm not even hungry"

Martha: "Me neither"

Grinch: "Any leftover ham? A ham sandwich might hit the spot for me"

Frank: "Why don't we just have some of Martha's Whofish salad (Everyone yells out Whonafish) Sorry, Whoooooonaaaafish and some snacks or something"

Martha: "Sounds like a good idea"

Grinch "Oh great"

Martha: "Come on, give it another try"

Grinch: "What I meant was, oh what a great idea"

Grinch gets up to take a peek out the front window, walks behind Frank and slaps him in the back of the head

Frank chuckling says: "What did I do?"

Grinch: "I'm sorry, did my hand accidentally hit your head?"

Martha and Susan are putting together some plates with sliced ham, some bread, Some lettuce and green tomatoes and the bowl of Martha's salad.

Martha: "Do you think Hans will stop over tonight?"

Frank while pulling a spoon out of the drawer: "I doubt it, I'm sure he'll be there late, discussing all the options and what to do next"

Frank sneaks a spoonful of the whonafish salad and suddenly covers his mouth and runs down the hallway to the bathroom and slams the door. Susan takes a taste and spits it out into Franks wine glass.

Susan: I'm sorry Martha, I wasn't expecting it to be so fishy"

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Martha: "Yeah, not everybody likes it"

Frank comes back to the front room and goes to rinse the taste down with his wine, he picks up the glass and Martha starts to say: "Frank, don't..... Susan holds her finger to her mouth to gesture to Martha not to say anything

Frank takes a big swig and hurriedly puts the glass down, covers his mouth and runs back down the hallway again.

Grinch and Susan are laughing hysterically

Martha: "You guys are mean, poor Frank"

Grinch while still laughing: "Yeah, poor Frank, he had to taste it twice"

Frank comes back into the room: "What the?"

Grinch and Susan are still laughing and Sue says: "Martha did it"

Frank, giving Sue the eye and says: "Don't worry Martha, I know who did it"

Martha kiddingly says: "I don't like any of you people anymore, that whonafish salad is good"

Grinch: "Yeah, good for the compost chamber"

CAMERA/ NARATTOR: They all decide to make some sandwiches with the left-over ham and continue chatting all evening still wondering if Hans will knock on the door any minute. Susan pours another round of wine for everyone.

Martha: "I feel so bad, we are drinking all your wine, and we have nothing to give you in return"

Susan: "We have about twenty bottles in storage, you guys have already given us plenty, new friends and fun memories that will last forever"

Martha: "You are so sweet; we will surely miss you guys"

Susan: "I just want you to know, whatever happens we will do....." Susan is interrupted by a knock on the front door. "Oh no, what do we do?"

Frank: "Ummmm, we see who it is".

Susan: "You do it, I'm afraid"

Frank gets up and turns to everyone: "Okay guys, this is it" Everyone is panicking as Frank walks toward the door. He can't see anyone through the glass as he opens the door. He looks out and sees one of his neighbors' little boys: "Hey Mr. Greenshire, can I get a ride on your friend's balloon?"

Frank: "What are you doing out so late? Tomorrow I will talk to your parents, if they say yes, I will talk to Mr. Grinch to see if we can make it happen, okay?"

Little Boy: "Okay, but don't ask my mom, she won't let me do anything fun."

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Frank: "Okay, get back home, it's too dark for you to be out"

Frank returns to the table and they all shake their heads and exhale loudly. As if intended, they all take another gulp in unison.

Grinch: "Darn, I was hoping that was Hans, this waiting around is driving me crazy."

Susan: "I can't imagine what you are going through. I have to ask, is staying here with your family a possibility?"

Grinch: "Martha and I talked about this earlier, there is no way we could stay away from Whoville. It's such a beautiful, friendly and fun place to live. The new park we built is a total success and we still have lot more to do. I sure hope, my mom and dad and Hans want to go with us. If they don't then maybe we can come back and visit now that we know they are here. Maybe when we come back, we will have a balloon big enough to take you back too"

Martha: "Please, please, please? Even though you make fun of my Whonafish salad"

Everyone laughs again and Susan gets up and gives Martha a big hug and says: "Boy am I going to miss you guys"

Grinch: "So, hopefully Hans will visit us tomorrow morning, I can't imagine him coming tonight, it's getting late. I'm planning on heading out early the day after tomorrow, with or without them unfortunately"

CAMERA/Narrator: So, day 4 of the trip winds down and they all head off to sleep kissing each other good night. No one will probably get much sleep, being so many lives will be affected by the decisions made tomorrow" (Camera fades to dark)

#### DAY 5 OF TRIP

CAMERA fades in /Narrator: Day 5 of the trip begins with everyone wandering sleepy eyed in to the kitchen area. Susan makes a pot of tea and everyone seems unusually quiet this morning. It's obvious they all are quite nervous. No one knows what the day will bring. Martha and Susan start talking about the food they will need to pack for the return trip and Grinch and Frank are talking about the compost fuel needed and the process to get the balloon ready for take-off. They all are having their tea while agreeing on a plan to get ready to go. Of course, the plans will have to be adjusted depending on how many people are making the trip.

Suddenly there is a knock on the front door, Frank gets up to answer the door and turns toward everyone: "Everybody ready?"

Everyone exhales loudly and say: "As ready as we're gonna be"

Frank looks out the window and says: "Its that pesky kid again",

Frank opens the door and says: "What did I tell you? I will ask your dad, we haven't even had our breakfast yet, now get out of here"

Frank slams the door and walks back to the table and sits down, Susan places a large tray of waffles on the table and a bottle of syrup.

Grinch: "Really, the syrup is green too?"

Frank: "Yep, least the waffles are brown"

They all are still fairly quiet while having their breakfast. Grinch and Martha love the waffles and are surprised on how tasty the syrup is.

Grinch: "I'm going to have to go over there, I can't just sit here wondering what's going to happen. Who wants to join..... Suddenly there is another knock on the door. Frank exhales loudly again and says: "Better not be that brat".

Frank gets up and peeks out the window and sees its Hans. He opens the door and says: "Hey Hans, how you doing pal? Please come in"

Hans looks around the room and sees everyone sitting there with a look of fear and excitement at the same time if there is such a thing: "I don't even know where to start, can I please have a seat, my legs are shaking."

Grinch, Martha and Susan out of nervousness all stand and say: "Absolutely, sit here" (while pointing to their chairs)

Frank says: "There's plenty of chairs, have a seat here Hans." (while pointing to an empty chair)  
The others all sit back down.

Hans: "So, my mom has told me everything, she and my dad are a mess. I'm sorry. I just don't know what to think at this point. As a little boy it became obvious to me that I was different. My mom always used to say I was a gift from the stars. Yeah, except the star fell into the wrong village!"

(Everyone nervously chuckles)

Hans: "Really, you think that's funny?"

Everyone stops laughing and now feel horrible: Grinch stands and says: "Hans, we're so sorry we thought..... Hans stands and says: Just messing with you guys, trying to break the tension in the room. Come on, hugs all around"

Everyone stands up while exhaling a big sigh of relief. While laughing they all start hugging each other.

Hans reaches and shakes Grinch's hand: "So, I take it you are Ethan, I guess this makes us brothers, right?"

Grinch still shaking his hand, looks to Martha, shrugs his shoulders and says: Yeah, I guess!"

Grinch starts his happy dance once again while singing: "I have a brother; I have a brother"

Hans and everyone are laughing hysterically

Hans reaches to shake Martha Mays hand and says: "So, who is this beautiful woman?"

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Martha blushes and says: "I am Martha May Whovier, I am Grinches wife, or as now we know, Ethans wife. Please excuse my looks, I don't have my eye shadow on."

Hans: "What's eye shadow?"

Grinch: "Please, I'm dying here, can we back to the subject on hand?"

Hans, "I'm sorry, your right, my mom says you know who my birth parents are?"

Martha: "Well, uuummm, Hans, would you like a cup of tea?"

Hans: "Actually that sounds good right about now"

Susan pours Hans a cup, Hans raises his cup as to propose a toast: "Here's to.....Hans pauses.... I have no idea"

Everyone chuckles

Martha: "So Hans, to answer your question, yes, we know who your parents are. It's a long story. The night that you and Ethan were to be delivered to your parents, there was a very strange wind that night....."

CAMERA FADES away.....

CAMERA can show scenes while the Narrator explains: "Meanwhile back at Mt Crumpit Park, Gus, the Professor and Betty Lou Who are doing a great job running the park while Grinch and Martha are gone (Show the three of them at the park entrance with the rides running in background). Villagers are constantly stopping and asking them if they know when Grinch and Martha are going to return. Of course, they all are a little nervous, being their fifth day away. They can't help but wonder if they have reached Grinches homeland or if they are already on their way back. They have been telling the villagers it could anywhere from 5 days to 10 days before they get back.

Camera can show the mayor back at his home sobbing and saying out loud: "Oh, Martha, I am so sorry. What did I do, what did I do."

Mayor looks upward and says: "Please let Martha May get back safely, even if it means I have to tolerate that big, hairy, green, know it all. So tired of hearing from everyone: what are going to do without them. Grinch and Martha have done so much for our village. Very sarcastic voice: Grinch did this, Grinch did that, blah blah blah, blah blah blah" .....

CAMERA FADES BACK TO SCENE AT GREENSHIRE'S HOME

Martha still explaining to Hans: "So just like you, when Grinch, I'm sorry, Ethan, grew older he knew he was different and was always curious as to where he came from. The rumor in our village was that his parents lived in mountains north of us, so here we are"

Hans: "The thought of meeting my birth parents is exciting and scary at the same time, but to be honest with you, I really don't like this place. The Greenshires have been so kind to me and my parents, if it wasn't for them, I'm not sure how things would have turned out. The only other friend I have here is Owlle"

Grinch: "Who's Owlie?"

Hans "Owlle Who"

Grinch: "Owlle, your friend"

Hans: "Owlle Who is my friend, he is my pet Owl"

Grinch looking frustrated looks into camera and says: "Why is this happening again?"

Susan: "Who is Owlle's last name"

Grinch: "What?"

Susan: "Who"

Grinch looking left and right once again says: "What?"

Hans: "I gave him the last name of Who because that's the sound he makes all the time"

Martha: Oh, my goodness, most people in Whoville have the last name of Who, or it's in our last names, like mine. This is another sign; you both belong in Whoville.

Hans turns to Martha and Grinch: "Okay we will worry about Owlle later..... If I was to go back with you....., pause..... that's if that's possible? What do we do with mom and dad? We can't leave them in this horrible place. Can we take them too?"

Grinch: "Absolutely"

Frank to Grinch: "Before anybody asks anybody anything, can the balloon handle 5 people?"

Grinch: "The Professor that designed the balloon said it could handle up to 6 people."

CAMERA SHOWS: Grinch raises his finger in the air as if he is doing a math problem. He makes five numbers then a multiplication sign, then underlines it. He then puts a bottom number, rubs his right hand on his chin a couple of times. Then simulates as if he is erasing the bottom number, underlines it again, rubs his chin one more time and says: "So, 5 people with extra supplies will be near the limit"

Martha: "And don't forget Owlle"

Grinch: "Okay, but you may have to leave some of your wardrobe and jewelry behind to cut back on weight"

Susan: "Oh goodie, I call dibs"

Everyone chuckles

Martha: "Only if I can get some new outfits at Whomingdales"

Grinch closes his eyes and shakes his head

Frank to Grinch: "Tell Hans about your amusement park and caves"

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**Grinch:** "If you, mom and dad choose to come back with us, Martha and I just opened an amusement park....."

**Hans:** "What's an amusement park?"

**Grinch rubbing his forehead in confusion:** "Oh boy, ummm. It's a place children and adults go to have fun all year round, warm weather and cold. So, I also have an extremely large cave system that I used to live in, and I was thinking of turning them into rooms for rent or shops. We can turn part of it into a new home for mom and dad if that's what they would like. Or if they want, they can live below in the beautiful village of Whoville with us. Whichever they would prefer. You also could live in either of the two also, whichever you would prefer. Between the park and cave projects you will have full time work for the rest of your career. I'm sure with your skills you will be a top foreman in no time and eventually some sort of production manager."

**Hans:** "This is sounding better all the time"

**Grinch while cupping his hand to his mouth:** "Oh yeah, one other thing. I'm sure there a bunch of single Whoville ladies looking for a handsome guy like you....." **Grinch looks into camera and in his deep voice:** "Now that I've been taken"

**Everyone chuckles**

**Hans gets up and turns to Ethan:** "Come with me bro, we've got to try to explain this to mom and dad and see what happens"

**Frank, Susan and Martha:** "Good luck"

**Martha to Hans:** "Hans, hold on one second, Martha fumbles for a second in one of her small suitcases. Please give this pink bow and necklace to your mom, I know she doesn't have anything colorful; she will look adorable with them on."

**Frank:** "What's pink?"

**Martha:** "It's the name of the color, one more thing with Whoville, it has every color you can imagine, it's beautiful there."

**Ethan and Hans walk out the door with their arms around each other**

**Martha to Frank and Sue:** "Would you guys ever consider moving away from here if you had a chance?"

**Frank:** "I'm not sure, Whoville sounds spectacular but Greenville is all we know"

**Martha:** "I just want you to know that Ethan and I love you guys very much and will never be able to thank you enough for everything that you have done. We are so lucky to have you as our new friends."

**Susan:** Maybe someday you guys can come back and visit, if the Greeninchs and Hans all leave, we will be so lonely. Who knows, maybe by then we will be ready to leave this cranky....., boring....., colorless village.

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Martha: "Yes, we could become neighbors and have tea time at each other's houses, and maybe some red wine with....."

#### DAY 6 OF TRIP

CAMERA FADES AWAY AND INTO A VERY SLOW PAN OF THE ENTIRE RIDGE OF MOUNTAIN SIDE WITH THE NUMEROUS CAVES WHILE THE Narrator explains: "You can imagine all the emotions of the talk between Hans and Ethan and their parents. Will Hans make the trip alone? Martha's fear of whatever decisions are made and also the fear of the return trip itself, knowing it's not going to be as easy as the trip to Greenville. Even if the Greeninches decide to make the trip, will their age be a factor. How are the Wholihan's going to handle the surprise appearance of the son they thought they never had."

CAMERA CONTINUES THE PAN AND SLOWLY PANS DOWN TO THE LANDING SITE OF THE BALLOON: Grinch is finishing filling the balloon with hot air, you can see the balloon starting to take the full shape. Frank is emptying buckets of left overs into to the compost chamber trying to fill it to the brim. You can see the crowd starting to gather around the sight. The little boy that wants the balloon ride appears and yells up to Frank: "Hey Mr., my dad said it's okay if I get a ride"

Frank: "Yes, I know, I talked to him earlier"

Grinch sees Frank talking to the boy and yells down to him: "Son, come around to this side to this little door and hop in"

The boy enters the balloon, Grinch says: "I want you to hold this lever here until you feel the balloon lift off the ground. As soon as it does release the lever, okay, can you do that?"

Little boy: "Yes sir, I sure can"

Frank looks a little concerned and walks up to Grinch: "I don't think that's such a good idea"

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### Grinch turns

**Grinch:** "Don't worry, I have everything under control, the balloon will lift just off the ground, and I'll say to the boy he was a big help. Then I'll say I think I see his mother coming and he better get off now before she sees him in the balloon. And besides, this balloon isn't going anywhere until you disconnect all four straps and I throw all the sand bags we filled overboard."

Martha been busy putting all the luggage under the seats, she looks out into the crowd which has now doubled in size and can see Susan wearing her new blouse and sporting her new jewelry. Tears streaming from her eyes while waving goodbye. Martha is looking back and forth and can't see the Greeninches or Hans anywhere: "Where are the Greeninches? They should be here by now; they know we were leaving about this time"

The balloon lifts off the ground until the straps stop it from lifting any higher. Grinch to little boy: "Okay son, good job, you did well, oh no, look back there. I think I see your mom coming, hurry up, get off before she catches you"

Little boy to Grinch while scurrying off the basket: "Thank you Mr. Grinch, that was fun"

Grinch: "Yeah, get lost kid....., hey Frank, this balloon is just about ready to go"

Martha yells out to Susan: "Have you seen the Greeninches?"

Susan turns around, looking back towards the caves, she's jumping up and down to see over the top of the crowd behind her. "I haven't seen them all morning, oh wait, I see Hans coming....., I think I see his parents right behind him, yep that's them."

Hans is slowly coming toward the balloon, trying not to get too far ahead of his parents while asking people to move aside to let them through. As the three of them get closer, you can see each one is carrying a small duffel bag. They reach the entry door of the basket and Hans says: "Sorry we are so late, Mom kept wanting to bring the small furniture and kitchen utensils, I had to explain to her we don't have the room and we have to keep the weight down. Then I turn around and dad is dragging his old tool box across the floor which must weigh at least a hundred pounds. He kept taking tools out of the drawers and saying how about now? I'm so glad you talked us into loading all the other luggage last night"

Hans hands up to Martha the three small bags, Martha takes them and stores them under the benches. Grinch is adjusting the heat and testing all the equipment. Hans helps his mom on board and then turns and helps his dad. Grinch gives both of them a hug and says: "Good morning mom, good morning dad. Grinch looks into camera and says: "I love saying that" Grinch turns back toward his parents: "I was getting worried that you might have changed your minds."

Jean: "I changed my mind a hundred times last night; I don't think I slept a wink. I'm so scared, I'm not scared of leaving, I can't wait to get out of here, it's the trip that scares me. She turns and looks at Eugene: "right honey?"

Eugene: "Yeah, I don't walk so good these days, I'm afraid to trip as well"

Jean leans closer to Eugene: "I didn't mean trip, like fall, I meant trip, like, going on this balloon thingy thing"

Eugene: "Why didn't you say that in the first place"

Jean to Hans: "Where is Owlle?"

Hans: "I have to show you a new trick we've been working on"

Hans cups his hands around his mouth and yells up: "Who-who-whoooo.... Who-who-whoooo"

Grinch to Hans: So, I have a job for you, Grinch point to compass, "This is telling us which direction we are heading, we want to go directly South, so this needle must point to the S at all times. This lever here will help us steer in the right direction with the help of the propellers. We

won't turn the propellers on until we reached a height above the mountains. Today is going to be a good day to travel, its unusually calm out there."

Owlie appears and flies around the balloon twice and comes and lands on Han's shoulder, Hans says: "Good boy "and reaches into his pocket and gives Owlie a treat

Everyone is amazed while Martha and Jean say: "Good morning Owlie"

Hans places his finger so Owlie can hop on and Hans places him in a small cage with no door on it. and says: This is one of Owlie's favorite resting spots.

Grinch: "Okay everyone, including you Owlie Who, we are just about ready", Grinch leans over the side: "Frank, would you please start undoing the straps, and make sure everyone stays back because Hans and I are going to start throwing these sand bags over....., unless you want to have your grouchy neighbor stand right about there" (while pointing to a spot on the ground – Frank and Susan and everyone on board laugh out loud) – Grinch looks directly into the camera and says: "Just kidding" Then in a deep voice says "No animals or people will be hurt in the making of this story".

CAMERA shows while Narrator explains: "Frank unties all the straps; Susan can be seen waving goodbye and still crying. Martha waves back, crying as well. Hans drops the fourth sand bag while Grinch increases the heat and the balloon lifts off. Everyone is waving to the crowd below and only a few in the crowd are actually waving back. Most of them are just standing there with a typical grouchy look on their faces. The village gets smaller and smaller as the balloon continues to rise, eventually above the top of the mountainous ridges of Greenville"

Grinch turns on the propeller and points to Hans, Hans moves the lever slightly to head southward as the balloon continues to rise..

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Grinch with a pilot sounding voice: "Okay ladies and gentlemen, please sit back and enjoy the ride. Sandwiches, fruit and water are available. I am sorry but no alcohol will be available during this flight."

Jean taps Martha on the shoulder, Martha turns toward her and Jean reveals a bottle of green wine from her duffle bag. Jean puts her finger to her mouth: "Shhhhhhh" The two of them giggle lightly. Martha whispers: "You are a naughty girl" They both giggle again softly.

Camera shows while Narrator explains: Mom, dad and Hans are quite nervous of the disappearing view of their village but also in awe of the beauty of the dense forest which is now below them. Of course, at this point, they don't realize it won't seem so beautiful after seeing it

day after day. This first morning of travel is going quite smoothly as the air is fairly calm. The heat for the balloon is now set on auto to help maintain the altitude they are at. Grinch explains to Hans and his dad if and when a northern breeze picks up, they can turn the propellers to help maintain the southern track. If a northern wind picks up, they can turn on the turbos to keep that southern track. He also shows Hans how the steering lever turns the turbos and the propeller at the same time.

Grinch: "That steering setup was designed and built by my friend the Professor"

Dad: "Who?"

Grinch: "Yes"

Dad turns to Hans: "What did he say?"

Hans: "Who....., Professor Who....., Professor Who Knows"

Dad: "Who knows what?"

Owlie: "Whooooo"

Grinch turns to Owlie: "Really? You need to stay out of this"

Owlie: "Whooooo"

Grinch to Owlie: "You"

Grinch looks into camera: "What in the world is going on here? Please make it stop!"

Grinch gets close to his dad: "My friend that designed the turbos and steering for the balloon is a professor, his name is Professor Who Knows. I bet he can make you something that will help you hear better too".

Dad: "Tell him not to good, I don't want to hear your mother all day"

Everyone on board laughs

Jean to Martha: "So how did you and Ethan meet?"

Martha: "We actually met at school; we were very young; I can say we both had a crush on each other but it was complicated because he was so different from all the other kids: I'm sure you know what I'm talking about when you raised Hans. So, one day at school....."

CAMERA FADES AWAY

Camera can show as Narrator explains: So, day turned into night, the air was starting to chill. Everyone reached into their suitcases and put on some warmer clothing. Everyone had a small bite to eat as nobody was really hungry because this was there first time in pitch darkness, the Greeninchs, including Hans were very nervous. Martha would cuddle up close to Jean to help her relax a little. Martha, Jean and Eugene, all wrapped themselves with blankets would try to sleep. Hans stayed with Grinch and kept him company:

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Hans: "Ethan, if you feel you want to rest, I can takeover, I'll wake you if the wind picks up and gets me off course. Then you can teach me how to work those turbo things."

Grinch: "Thanks bro, man I love saying that"

They both chuckle

Grinch: "I got to tell ya, it's so nice to have someone to talk to at night. The nights are so long"

Grinch turns to look at Hans and Hans is already asleep. Grinch looks over at Owlle in his spot and says: "Well Owlle, looks like it's just you and me"

Owlle: "Whooooo"

Grinch while chuckling to himself: "Just you and me buddy" Owlle leaves the cage and sits up next to Grinch.



They both stare at the moon and the stars in the darkness ahead of them. Grinch reaches over and pets his new friend a couple of times. Grinch chuckles once again and says: Oh, I'm sorry buddy it's just Who and me. You know, I can't believe I just said. I must be getting tired"

Camera can show as Narrator explains: " A few hours later Hans wakes up and is amazed that Owlle is just sitting there keeping Grinch company. Everyone else is still sound asleep, nobody slept well the night before due to the anxiety of deciding to make the trip and packing as lightly as necessary. Hans spent the early hours of the morning bringing everyone's luggage down to the balloon and helping Grinch and Frank get the balloon prepared for flight. Hans offers to take over so Grinch can get some rest. Grinch accepts the offer and especially since it's been so calm that travel has been fairly easy.

Grinch to Hans: "If the wind starts to pick up and your having any trouble make sure you wake me"

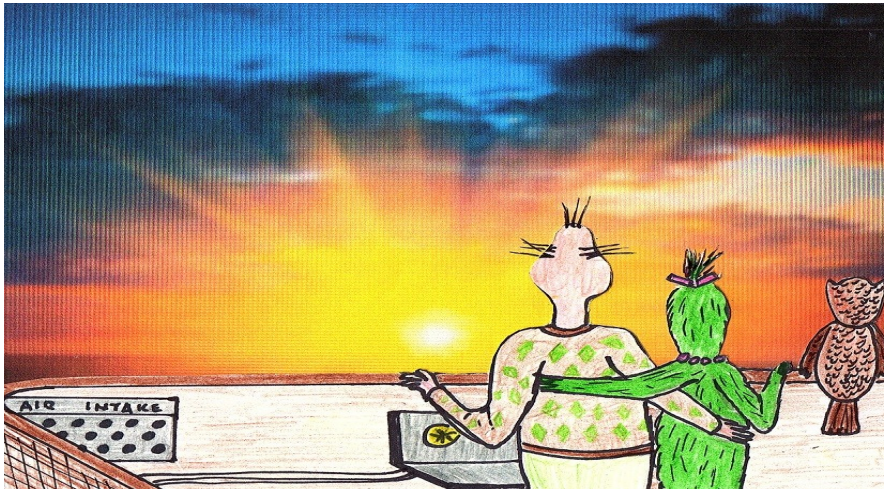
Grinch taps Hans on the shoulder and says "Thanks bro, by golly, I love saying that" Grinch grabs a blanket and snuggles down on the seat next to Martha.

Grinch closes his eyes and says: " Goodnight Owlle"

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Owlie says: "Whooooo"

Grinch nearly asleep already, eyes closed and a smile, softly answers: "You"



#### DAY 7 OF TRIP

CAMERA can show as Narrator explains: Hans takes watch with Owlie by his side. Owlie seems to love his new perch. The weather continues to be favorable thankfully. What felt like a interiny for Hans was actually just a couple of

hours when he can see the sun starting to rise. Jean wakes up , a big yawn and a big stretch and looks around to see Eugene, Martha and Ethan still asleep. She stands along Hans and looks out at the spectacular view and says: " That is the most beautiful sunrise I have ever seen. We have to wake everyone up so they can see. It's a sign, It's a sign of good things to come. I know it, moms cans sense these things. We have special powers you know." They both hug a little tighter and chuckle. "Im sorry but I have to wake them up. This is too beautiful to miss." Jean turns toward everyone and loudly says: "Eugene.., Ethan..,Martha.., you've got to see this, this is beautiful !!

Martha wakes, rubs her eyes and says: " Are you kidding me, that's the ugliest shirt Ive ever seen"

Jean: "Not the shirt, the sun"

Martha: "I cant see the sun, that shirts in my eyes"

Jean: "What are you talking about, I made that shirt"

Martha: "I'm sorry Jean.....,but (realizing she needed to change the subject), oh my goodness, that sunrise is magnificent"

Jean leans closer to Eugene: "Eugene honey, wake up, you have to see this sunrise"

Eugene: "The sun wasn't in my eyes until you woke me up"

Jean: "No, not the sun in your eyes, the sunrise" (While pointing)

Eugene: "Oh, the sunrise, yes dear, that is very pretty"

Grinch awakens and in his grumpy voice: "What in the world is all this commotion about, is something wrong with the balloon?"

Jean: "Look Ethan, isnt that sun gorgous?"

Grinch looks into the camera and says: "Not half as gorgeous as that steak I was just dreaming about"

Everyone chuckles while still enjoying the view

Grinch: "I heard dad say something about something being pretty, I sure hope he wasn't talking about Han's shirt"

Everyone laughs out loud including Hans and even Jean this time, while still laughing Jean says: "come on, it's not that bad, is it?"

Grinch: "Looks like brown and green had a fight and it was a split decision" Absolute silence from everyone, you could hear a pin drop

Grinch looks into camera and in a rough voice: "Tough crowd...., tough crowd"

Martha: "Okay, anybody hungry?"

Martha looks into the picnic basket: "We have some green bacon and egg sandwiches, we have some green ham and cheese sandwiches and a bunch of fruit, oh, and mom had made some greenlime pie "

Martha looks in a cabinet under a seat and says: "Over here we have some juices, water and..... oh yeah, 11 cans of baked beans "Martha stands and waves her finger: "and those will not be eaten while we all are stuck in this bucket"

Hans while still manning all the controls: "I never had baked beans before, why can't we have them?"

Martha: "Well, I don't know about you, but they give Grinchy boy over here terrible gas pains. Trust me, we don't need to get into those beans"

Jean: "I hear ya sister, Eugene's the same way when he has cabbage"

Eugene: "I would love some cabbage, that sounds great!"

Jean loudly: "No cabbage for you Mr, this balloon couldn't handle it"

Eugene a little confused: "You don't have to put a handle on it, I'll eat it with my bare hands"

Everyone laughs again, Jean leans towards Eugene and says: "We don't have any cabbage, it's not a option"

Eugene: "Oh, why didn't you say that in the first place"

Jean closes her eyes and shakes her head

Grinch: "Poor dad, I sure hope my friend the professor can make something to help him with his hearing"

Jean: "Who?"

Grinch does a long blank stare into the camera.

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Jean: "Just messin with you sweetheart, Martha told me how that drives you crazy"

Martha and Jean chuckle

Grinch looks over at the gauges: "Hans, our speed is down to 1 mile per hour and we are slightly off course, no big deal, just adjust our propellar speed to medium and adjust our steering to head straight south again"

Hans: "Yes captain, you got it"

Grinch: "We would prefer our speed to be around 3 to 5 miles per hour, when I get a chance I'll give you some more details"

Grinch then steps over to the compost chamber and while pointing and acting out like a steward, modeling each move: "Just a reminder to all our new passengers, all left overs, apple cores, banana peels go in this little trap door here. First you unlatch it, open the trap door, deposit your items, then close the trap door. Make sure to latch it closed. This becomes fuel for our turbo things in case we need them."

Hans: "So, Ethan, when do we turn on those turbo things?"

Ethan: "I'll explain all that to you a little later, how about everyone have a bite to eat and get comfortable first"

Hans: "No problem, whenever you are ready"

Grinch with his hands to his side, begins pacing back and forth and says loudly enough so his dad can hear too: "Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention please?" (Everyone stops what they are doing and give Grinch their undivided attention) "Today as you know is our second day into this journey, it will be a very long day. Hopefully if all goes well it will be the last long day of the trip. Hans has been doing a great job assisting in navigation of this piece of equipment. As you know, he is my newly discovered brother, he's a very strong man but, he's not heavy, heee's my brotheeeeerrrr.

Everyone on board starts laughing and booing him

"Booooooo, booooooo, throw the bum out, boooooo"

Grinch: "Im sorry, I couldn't wait anymore, I've been wanting to say that for two days"

CAMERA can show scenes while Narrator explains: Ethan calls Hans away from the ladies for a moment because he needs to give Hans some info about the flight that might make their mom and Martha nervous wrecks. Dad is sidetracked with giving Owlie some treats. Martha and Jean are becoming very close as the only other person Jean had ever become close to was Susan.

Grinch first checks to make sure the others are not listening, says softly to Hans: "Hans, this return flight has gone surprisingly well so far but there is usually a heavy breeze to a light wind blowing from the south to the north, that hasn't happened yet and I hope it dosent. The northern breeze has been fairly still to a mild breeze. The breeze recently picked up a little and I just adjusted the propeller speed another notch to keep up with it. We don't have a lot of

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propeller speed left. If the highest propeller speed doesn't do the trick we have to turn on the turbos and shut the propellers off to conserve our propane fuel. The propane fuel runs the propellers and also is what heats up the balloon to keep us afloat. We started with four tanks of propane, I used one tank to get to Greenville. The wind direction helped us all the way to Greenville, Our average speed was about 6 to 8 miles per hour....."

CAMERA pans to the ladies:

Martha to Jean softly: "How about tonight just after sunset we open up that bottle of wine?"

Jean: "Okay sounds like a plan"

Eugene: "I heard that"

Jean raising her finger to her mouth: "Shhhhhhhhhh, how did you hear that?"

Eugene: "Hear what?"

Jean: "Mind your own business you party pooper"

Jean, Martha and Eugene chuckle softly not to get the attention of Hans and Ethan who are in deep conversation

Martha to Jean: "So, I've been thinking about Hans, he is a very charming fella, there is a single woman that lives next door to us at our new house. She is absolutely adorable and very smart. She owns her own business, it's a candy store called "Candylicious". It's very popular, I think the only reason she is still single is she dedicates too much of her time with her business. She says she's waiting for the right guy. Her name is Nancy, Nancy MaWhoney. I know Hans is going to have to deal with a lot of changes in his life, meeting his parents, a new homeland, a new job. It might be fun for him to meet her, and maybe she can actually help him deal with all these changes, the same way I helped Ethan adjust to the changes of moving down to Whoville"

Jean: "As terrified as I am about this trip, the more I think about it, it's going to be the best for all of us. I just hope we will fit in with the people of Whoville"

Martha: "Whoville is going to be quite hectic for you guys compared to the dullness of Greenville but the people are quite caring. They absolutely adore your son Ethan, well.....,after he stopped being so cranky"

Jean chuckles

Martha: "I know they will welcome you as a new member of their families too"

CAMERA PANS BACK to Ethan and Hans.

Grinch still with soft voice: "So if we switch to turbos, the professor warned me of two things we have to watch very closely"

Grinch looks over again to make sure the ladies are still chatting

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**Grinch:** "One, the turbos use a lot of fuel, which as I told you is stored in the compost chamber. We estimated we should have enough fuel for three to six hours depending on the wind against us. Two, if the turbos push the balloon too hard , it can tear the ties from the balloon to the basket, and that would not be good"

**Martha turns and says:** "What would not be good?"

**Hans quickly answers:** "It would not be good if we get to Whoville and realize we made a bad decision"

**Martha:** " Your mom and I were just talking about that, I promise you all are going to be so happy you chose to move"

**Jean:** " Martha already is planning to fix you up some cutie pie that lives next door to her and Ethan"

**Grinch:** "Nancy?"

**Martha:** "Yes"

**Grinch waves his right hand in a jesture to indicate she is hot**

**Martha:** "Watch it buddy, I got my eye on you"

**Everyone laughs**

**Owlie:** "Whooooo"

**Martha turns to Owlie and kiddingly says:** "My husband, that's who!"

**Everyone laughs again**

**Eugene:** "Who's your husband?"

**Hans:** "Dad, no, Ethan's her husband"

**Eugene:** "I thought so, but....., oh, nevermind"

**CAMERA FADES OUT and can show scenes while Narator expalains:** " The second day of flight is still going well and seemingly on schedule. Back in Whoville, Professor,Gus and Betty Lou are still running the park without any major issues. The rumors are flying around the village of them not wanting to return, of them crash landing somewhere, flying right by Whoville and not being able to land. All of these rumors would have made the mayor very happy if Martha May had not gotten on board. Back at the house, Cindy Lou still walks the dogs and feeds them everyday, One day while walking the dogs she met the neighbor, Nancy MaWhoney, they chatted for a long time and Cindy Lou likes her very much and especially because she now gets free candy from Nancy. Cindy is starting to worry herself that they might never return, but she sits down with the dogs and says: "Don't you worry boys, your mom and dad will be home soon, if anybody can do it, the Grinch can."

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CAMERA FADES BACK to balloon- Narattor: "They all have been talking so much that before you know it, the day has gone by. They all had their lunch and as the sun is starting to get lower in the horizon they all will be eventually choosing what they will eat for dinner as the choices are getting thinner. The temperature is starting to drop and that northern breeze had picked up enough that Grinch had to raise the propellar one more notch. There is only one more notch left on the speed control. The girls are chatting, laughing constantly, one story after another oblivious of all the possible dangers of this trip. The sunset has become as spectacular as the sunrise this morning. They all pick through the choice of sandwiches and sit back and enjoy the view while snuggling once again under the warm blankets. Jean is under a blanket with Eugene and next to Eugene is Martha snuggled up with a blanket. Hans is still by Grinch's side as he usually is, helping him in anyway he can. Martha and Jean look at each other looking past Eugene as he is sitting between the two of them. The two of them giggle and Jean asks Eugene to move to the other side so she can sit next to Martha

Eugene: "Why don't you want to snuggle with me?"

Jean: "Cause Martha dosent fart under the blanket"

Everyone on board laughs out loud including Eugene as he is getting up and moving to the other side of Jean. Martha and Jean snuggle close, Jean pulls the bottle of wine from underneath the blanket and they both giggle lightly

Hans: "What in the world is up with you two?"

Owlie: "Whoooo?"

Hans laughing: "Stay out of this Owlie"

A few moments later you hear a loud "POP"

Grinch: "Oh no, what was that?"

Martha: "I think it came from the compost chamber, maybe an apple popped or something"

Grinch takes a look into chamber and agrees that could possibly have caused the noise and now he and Hans are focussing on the speed. They are discussing turning up the propeller speed to the highest setting, Eugene is already beginning to fall asleep. Jean whispers into Martha's ear: "That was close, but now we have another problem"

Martha: "What?"

Jean: "We have no glasses"

Martha: "Oh crapadoola"

Jean makes sure no one is lookin and takes a quick swig from the bottle and suddenly hides it under the blanket. Martha trys not to laugh but does anyway

Hans: "Are you guys lacking oxygen over there?"

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Jean hands the bottle to Martha under the blanket, Martha makes sure no one is looking and she takes a big swig and quickly hides it under the blanket. Both ladies are doing their best not to giggle out loud.

Martha hands Jean the bottle, Jean makes sure the coast is clear and she takes a big swig and hides it. Martha uncontrollably laughs out loud which causes Jean to laugh out loud with a mouthful of wine which now sprays Martha in the face. The two of them are completely out of control with laughter

Eugene awakens: "What is going on here?"

The two of them trying to keep a straight face say: "Nothing" and immediately start laughing again.

Grinch and Hans come over to them, Grinch asks Martha: "Seriously, what are you guys finding so funny?"

Martha: "Nothing really..... suddenly the cork drops off the bench and starts rolling across the floor

Jean and Martha see the cork rolling and look at each other and start laughing again. Grinch bends down and picks up the cork and says: Okay, I see what's going on here, give me the bottle.

Martha while still laughing says: "I have no idea what you are talking about" Grinch pulls back the blanket revealing the bottle and says: "Okay, give it to me"

Martha hands Grinch the bottle. Eugene gets up and says to Grinch: "Ethan, give them the bottle back, do you really think this trip is easy for them?. Let them have some fun and relax a little, so what if they have a good laugh, couldn't we all use that right about now?"

Everyone is totally silent, no one has ever seen Eugene do such a thing before. Eugene points to the guys and says: "Now you two get back over and fly this thing. Ladies sit back and enjoy the evening, let's face it, we don't know what tomorrow brings us"

Hans and Ethan: "Yes father"

Eugene sits back down and covers up with a blanket. The ladies take turns having a couple more swigs but are silent as there is still a little tension in the air. Eugene is fumbling with something under his blanket and he pulls out a second bottle of wine. The ladies start laughing all over again, Grinch and Hans turn to see what the commotion is all about. Eugene raises the bottle in the air and pulls out the cork and takes a swig. Grinch and Hans are confused as to how to handle the moment, they look at each other, Grinch gives Hans a wink then takes the bottle away from Martha, Hans takes the bottle away from his dad. For a moment there is total silence, Hans blinks back to Grinch and they both take a swig from the bottles. At this point, the silence turns to hysterical laughter. Hans reaches down and pulls his suitcase from under the seat, opens it and he pulls out a third bottle, everyone is hysterical.

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Grinch: "Im sorry to let you know, I don't have any bottles hidden anywhere, but your right dad, a good laugh now and then wont hurt anybody, especially now" Grinch takes another swig hands the bottle to Hans, he takes a swig and hands the bottle back to dad. Grinch gets back to the guages , hits a extra blast of hot air and says: "Okay, just letting you all know, we might be switching to turbos tonight so I don't want you all to freak out when we do, okay?"

Jean takes another swig and says: "Roger that, captain..... sir flys alot"

Owlie: "Whooooo"

Jean a little sleepy: "Ahhhhh, put a sock in it Owlie"

Martha laughing again takes the bottle from Jean and takes a small swig. Jean and Martha snuggle up close again and start to wander off to sleep

Hans offers to take over for a while so Ethan can get some rest. "Ethan, don't worry I will wake you if the speed gets too low"

Grinch snuggles under a blanket alongside Martha and gets comfortable and instantly falls asleep. Eugene too is already fast asleep.

Owlie jumps to his perch alongside Hans, Hans looks over at Owlie: "We are the night owls Owlie"

Owlie: " Whooooo

Hans with a snicker: "Me and you, that's who"

#### DAY 8 OF TRIP

Hans has been watching guard for a couple of hours and watched the speed drop to 2 miles per hour then eventually down to 1 mile per hour. He can definitely feel the breeze turn to a steady but light wind. He attempts to turn up the propeller speed but realizes its already at the maximum speed. He has to wake up Grinch. He nudges Grinch a little, looks back and he's still sound asleep. He nudges him again a little harder. Grinch jumps to his feet and yells out: "NOOOOOOOOOOOO ---- DON'T PUT MUSTARD ON MY BURGER"

Hans shakes him violently : "Wake up – wake up Ethan, your having a bad dream"

Grinch shakes his head a couple of time, rubs his eyes and says: "I was having another dream about food: Grinch looks into camera: "The people in resturants just don't listen anymore"

Hans: "Ethan, are you awake?"

Grinch rubs his eyes again: "Yes, I think so, what's up?"

Hans: "Were down to one mile an hour, were gonna have to start the turbos"

Grinch over at guages: "I was hoping we would get a little farther, these turbos use a lot of fuel"

Grinch fires up the turbos, at first you hear a high pitch sound than a series of small explosions. Martha and Jean jump up quickly, dad wakes slowly and says: "Could you guys please keep it down over"

Owlie flies down and hides in his cage.

Grinch: "Im sorry you guys, I should have warned you first, I forgot they were that loud when you first start them"

Martha: Its still dark out, what time is it?

Jean: "Its time to go back to sleep"

Grinch to Hans: " The turbo has five speeds, controlled by this lever here. I'll set it at level one for now and we can watch our speed and adjust it as we need, okay?

Hans: "Got it"

The whine of the turbo calms down and soon the ladies and dad are back to sleep

Grinch is watching the guages closely and sees the speed only increased to two miles per hour, he brings it to level two and slowly the balloon speed increase to four miles per hour.

Grinch to Hans: "This is perfect, remember the higher the level, the more fuel we burn"

Grinch jokingly to Hans: "Hopefully that Whonafish salad gives us some extra power"

Hans chuckles. Martha opens one eye and says: "I heard that" She snuggles back up in her blanket and quickly falls back to sleep

Grinch checks all the supplies. They now have one full tank of propane for the balloon heat and the propellers if needed and the compost chamber which feeds the turbos is full.

Grinch to Hans: " Im guessing it's about a hour before sunrise. On our way to Greenville we arrived in Greenville about two hours after sunrise. Unforetunately this trip we know is going to take longer but, how much longer, I don't know. Everything depends on this wind"

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Narrator: Grinch and Hans, while keeping an eye on the gauges are continuing to chat about the park and the idea of converting Grinch's old cave to something useful. Grinch has repeated the offer that he, mom and dad to stay with them until they decide on were to live.

Eugene wakes up and steps between his two sons and says: "Good morning boys, wait, is it morning yet?"

Hans and Grinch chuckle, Grinch says: "Yes dad, it is, the sun should be coming up soon.

Dad: "I am absolutely starving"

Grinch: "Me too, you want me to get you something?"

Dad: "I don't to wake the girls, all the sandwiches are under the bench"

Hans: "Sorry to interrupt this very important discussion but we are back down to one mile per hour again"

Grinch shaking his head slightly says: "Go to level three and will see what that does"

Hans makes the adjustment, Ethan and dad return to their discussion of hunger. Grinch goes to another cabinet and grabs three cans of baked beans and shows them to dad.

Dad: "Ooooooh, I can't wait....." Ethan holds his finger to his mouth gesturing for his father to be quiet "Shhhhhhhhh"

Grinch grabs a can opener and quietly opens the three cans and hands them spoons. They all start eating, you can hear the ooohs and ahhhhs of enjoyment but they're trying to be quiet about it.

Dad whispers to boys: "Reminds me of when I was a kid sneaking a desert before dinner time"

They all chuckle lightly

Grinch with a mouthful: "We better hurry before they wake up"

Hans: "I'm done, what do we do with the cans?"

Dad: "I'm done too"

Grinch grabs the three cans and starts to figure where to put them and hears Martha say: "What is it that I smell?....., I know I've smelled it before"

Grinch hides the cans behind his back and says: "What smell?"

Grinch steps backwards to the edge of the basket and drops the cans overboard, thinks for a moment and says: "Maybe it's a little backpressure from the compost chamber".

Martha gets sidetracked by the view: "Oh look, the sun's starting to rise", she reaches down and picks up the blanket and wraps it around herself: "It's a little windy this morning, how's everything going?"

Grinch while adding some heat to the balloon, licks the last bit of bean sauce from his lips: "Good, it won't be too much longer, I mean, a little longer, well, longer than last time but not as long as it could be"

Martha: "Please stop talking, you're making me nervous"

Jean wakes up: "Here comes that beautiful sun, good morning, everyone, can I get a kiss from all my men today?"

Hans and Ethan give her a kiss on the cheek, Eugene gives her a kiss just like he does every morning.

Jean: "What do I smell on your breath, what have you been eating?"

Eugene unable to come up with a quick answer says: "What, I can't hear you?"

Jean a little louder: "What have you been eating?"

Eugene: "No, Ethan takes care of the heating"

Jean: "Oh, never mind"

Grinch whispers to Hans: "That was a close"

Grinch turns toward his dad, makes sure the ladies aren't looking and gives his dad a thumbs up. His dad returns with a thumbs up. The ladies are sitting together again talking about what's left to eat for breakfast.

Martha: "I was just thinking, after our breakfast this morning, our next meal will be in Whoville, are any of you boys hungry yet?"

The men all look at each other, Hans says: "Were good"

Martha: "Are you sure, usually by now you're asking what's available."

Hans nudges Grinch's shoulder, Grinch turns and Hans whispers: "Speed is down again"

Grinch raises his eyebrows being a little concerned, gestures with his thumb to raise turbo power, Hans moves lever to level 4. You can clearly hear the turbos picking up speed, Grinch trying to divert everyone's attention from the sound of the turbos starts up a conversation: "You know, I just realized something, we all wouldn't be in this balloon together if it wasn't for Han's father – Officer Wholihan".

Grinch: "Officer Wholihan is a fine and fair policeman, our mayor wanted your dad to be pepper spray me, and your dad wouldn't because I apologized. I said I was sorry"

Jean: "Ethan honey, "Sorry for what? "

Grinch looks into camera: "Uncle Bob, is there enough time in this story to explain this one?"

Uncle Bob's voice: "Not really, maybe you can start to explain and then I'll have the camera fade out and the narrator can step in we'll move on to something else"

Grinch: "Perfect, good thinking"

Grinch: "So,when I lived in the mountain cave, and I could hear all the Whos in Whoville so excited,all getting ready to celebrate Christmas. They all would start putting up their Christmas decorations, shopping for presents, so happy it made me furious. Then the night before Christmas I went down their and stole Christmas"

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Mom: "Oh dear sweetheart, that wasn't very nice, but, what's Christmas?"

Martha: "You don't know what Christmas is?"

Mom: "I have no idea what it is"

Martha: "You never had Christmas?, Santa Clause?"

Mom: "Santa who?"

Owlie: "Whooo"

Hans: " Not now Owlle"

Martha excitedly: "Clause, oh I have so much to tell you. It's the best time of the year, we all.....CAMERA FADES OUT

Narrator: Fortunately the ladies are so wrapped up in there conversation of Christmas , they are oblivious to the problems arising on board. Martha tells her about Grinch's sweet relationship to Cindy Lou Who, and how she helped change Grinch from a lonely and cranky character to the loving person he has become. All about Santa and the spirit of Christmas, how after he stole Christmas, he returned everything and why. The Christmas Whobalation, and how the villagers grew to love him. Meanwhile, Grinch and Hans are forced to move turbos to level 5, the highest speed. Grinch opens the compost chamber and is shocked to see how low it is.

CAMERA FADES back to Grinch: "So I don't want everyone..... Suddenly Grinch lets out a unexpected farrrrrrrrrrt....."dad, shame on you"..... Suddenly dad lets out a farrrrt..."oops,okay, that one was me"

Grinch: "Please, I'm trying to ..... once again-farrrrrrrrt, I don't want you to panic but the fuel situation is beginning to worry me"

Martha: "What in the world is wrong with you two? Did you....."

Martha gets up and looks in cabinet where the beans were stored, you can hear her counting: "1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-, there was 11 in there this morning. Please don't tell me you two ate beans"

Hans lets out a small fart and says: "You mean, you three?"

Martha to Jean: " You think this trip was long before, it's about to get longer"

Hans: "We are so sorry, the three of us were starving this morning, and we didn't want to wake you guys, so Ethan suggested the beans"

Grinch sarcastically: "Ethan did this, Ethan did that, mommmmy, Hans is blaming me for everything again....., (Grinch looks into the camera) - he always done that since we were little"

Hans: "We just met a few days ago"

Grinch looks into the camera again: " Oh, that's right"

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**Grinch to mom and Martha:** "So, back to what I was trying to say before, our compost chamber is getting near empty. We probably would have been there by now if it wasn't for the breeze and now light wind. I really don't know how much longer before we see Mt. Crumpit. Has anyone seen my tabulator?"

**Hans:** "Whats a tabulator?"

**Grinch:** "It's a ..... Oh. there it is"

**Grinch picks it up and starts pushing buttons, sits back a second, lets out a small fart:** "Excuse me" **Continues tapping buttons, put his finger to his lips and taps a few more buttons**

**Martha:** "That's not a tabulator you idiot, that's a piece of wood I brought and I draw a dot on it every day we've been away from whoville"

**Grinch now quite embarrassed:** "No wonder the figures were'nt adding up, and throws it overboard"

**Grinch to Martha:** "If you and mom can figure how much more food we need for the rest of the day, then we throw the extra in the compost chamber"

**Martha leans close to Grinch:** "The rest of the day, whats that mean?"

**Grinch softly to Martha:** "Im assuming we will be there before dark, if it gets dark the only way we will see Whoville is all the lights, but then the landing will be scary. Weve got to be getting closer, I'm truly not sure"

**Martha:** "I wish you didn't tell me that"

**Martha and Jean gather all the extra food and toss it in the compost chamber, Martha:** "We should be all set mom, that should do it"

**Grinch loudly enough so everyone can hear:** "We've been heading straight south since the first day, I expected it take a little longer because of the slower travel speed. I'm just not sure exactly when we should see Mt. Crumpit. We might slightly be off course so I need everyone to keep your eyes peeled East and West also, besides straight south"

**Martha:** "Grinch, I have an idea to see if we are close to Whoville"

**Grinch nervously/ sarcastically:** "Oh really, what, you want me to land somewhere and ask for directions?"

**Martha:** "No, how about we turn the radio on, and if the Whoville station comes in, we must be close, right?"

**Grinch thinks for a second, grabs Martha and gives her a big kiss and says:** "Honey, that is brilliant, turn it on, turn it on"

**Hans:** "What's a radio?"

**Martha picks up the radio:** "It's this thing, we can listen to music with it"

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Hans: "What's music?"

Martha: "I'll explain later"

Hans farts a little: "I'm sorry, I tried to hold it in"

Jean points to the other side: "Could you do that over there please?"

Martha turns the radio on, nothing but static. She doesn't have to adjust the channel knob much because there is only one channel. She holds the radio in the air and walks to all four sides of the balloon to see if anything would come in – nothing – all static, Martha turns radio off to save the battery. Another five minutes go by and Martha turns on the radio again, still static. She once again walks the other three sides of the basket and starts hearing the static come in and out and occasionally hearing sounds.

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Martha: "Grinch, I'm getting something over here on this side"

Grinch while looking at the compass, then he pulls out his pad and pencil and starts scratching down all sorts of figures, erases once, writes again and looks at the speed, does one more calculation and says: "So, I'm thinking we are slightly off course, a little west of our target, we keep heading south turning slightly eastward. Martha, stay on that side and move slowly back and forth and maybe adjust the tuner knob very slightly"

Martha: "Okay, I'm working on it"

Grinch: "Frank, so when we start getting close, we have to start lowering the balloon and looking for a landing site, there is only two areas flat enough and open enough to land in Whoville. The wind is definitely going to make it more difficult"

Hans: "You got it brother"

Mom: "What can we do?"

Ethan: "When we start prepping to land, I want you and dad to enjoy the view, its such a beautiful place"

Martha: "I think I can hear something, could everyone be quiet for a second?"

Eugene: (farrrrrrrt), The ladies give him a nasty look, Eugene says: "I might have got away with it if everyone wasn't being so quiet"

Martha, holding the radio next to her ear can occasionally hear a noise mixed in with the static. -shhcrackle wurt crackle crackle burit shhcrackle crackle spo crackle vert crackle shoop shhcrackle wert crackle top hits crackle, "news next" crackle 'Hello ever...' shhcrackle crackle, Martha turns the knob ever so slightly and you can hear the radio clearly, the announcer has that typical radio type voice and says: "Welcome Whoville listeners, you're listening to W, H, O, 1.5 on your dial. The last song your heard was (Who light up my life) shhcrackle crackle and just before that you heard (Stuck in the middle with who) News next after this commercial break"

**Martha excitedly:** "It coming in perfectly clear, we definitely are getting close"

**Commercial:** "Tired of the same old sliced ham or the boring roast beast? How about a sandwich that wakes up your taste buds, puts some zep in your step, some crunch in your lunch, make eating fun again with your visit to Who-ters. For one week only, two sandwiches for the price of one. That's right, come on down to Who-ters, located at 12 Main St.

**Different voice speaking rapidly:** "Children must be accompanied by 12 adults or more, adults are not eligible for special. Only one child per 12 adults allowed"

**Announcer:** "Today's news, -Police responded to a reported stolen car from the Whobaru dealership yesterday. Officer Wholihan investigated the original complaint and handed the investigation over to the detective bureau....."

**Martha excitedly:** "Hans, that's your dad they were talking about"

**Announcer:** "We interviewed Detective Dunit, here's a recording of the interview":

**Detective:** "Yes, this is Detective Dunit, that's Detective Who Dunit. I am the lead investigator at the scene. After some interviews with some people in the area we discovered the car was not stolen. Someone failed to put the car in park and it rolled down the hill and ran into The Donut Who."

**Interviewer:** "Who did it?"

**Detective:** "No, that's Who Dunit, thank you for your time, I'm a very busy man. I have to take all these damaged donuts to the station and make sure they are not served to the public"

**Announcer:** "Our final news story is over the growing concern of the return of the Grinch and Martha May Whovier. We interviewed the mayor this morning and this is what he had to say about the situation:".

**Martha:** "Listen everyone, they're talking about us"

**Mayor:** "Today is day eight since Martha lifted off in that balloon. I knew it was a bad idea, of course, we are all concerned about her safety. I've started the paperwork to take over ownership of the park if they don't return in thirty days but that's not the important issue right now. Right now, the important issue is Martha's safe return"

**Interviewer:** "What about the Grinch?"

**Mayor:** "Oh yeah, him too"

**Announcer:** "And now back to our play list with no commercial interruptions. First you will be hearing (I will always love Who) and then our first Christmas request, I know it's a little early, but you know how us Who's love our Christmas. Our first Christmas request is (All I want for

Christmas is Who) That's a great song, but I think my favorite Christmas song is (Do Who hear what I hear) by Whitney Who-ton"

**Grinch:** "Okay, the radio is a great idea but could you turn it down a bit and start looking for Mt Crumpit please?"

Just as Martha turns down the radio, the turbos start sputtering a little bit

**Martha:** "Oh no. what is that?"

**Grinch to Hans:** "Open the chamber door and push all the materials away from the door to the end of the chamber"

Hans grabs an empty wine bottle and uses it to push the materials deeper into the chamber. The turbos sputter a couple more times and then start to run smoothly again.

**Grinch:** "Everyone grab your favorite sandwich, take one big bite and throw the rest of it in the chamber. Then throw whatever food is left in the chamber. We'll just have to do without"

Everyone does what he said and Hans once again pushes everything deeper into the chamber

**Grinch:** "I do have some good news, the wind seems to have calmed down a little, I think I can lower the turbos to level four, that will save some fuel."

**Narrator:** Everyone, including Grinch are definitely getting nervous about what happens if the turbos stop, will the balloon start drifting away from Whoville? If they turn the propellers back on, will that be enough to stop them from drifting. Will they be forced to land in the forest short of their destination? Will the landing itself be a disaster? About a half hour goes by and turbos start to sputter again. Everyone now is starting to panic, things just can't end this way, they are so close. Grinch starts pacing back and forth, the turbos shut off for a split second then back on. Grinch still pacing starts banging his head: "Think - think - think"

Eugene is standing next to Hans is starting to sense the severity of the moment. Suddenly the turbos shut completely off. The balloon becomes totally silent, the only sound you can hear is the burner heating the balloon. Grinch is wondering should he shut off the burner and start the decent procedures before they drift backwards or turn on the propellers which he is sure won't do the trick. Poor Eugene evidently has held a gas pain in for sometime hoping it would go away. He lets out a large faaaaaaaaaaarrrrrrrrrrt-fart-fart, suddenly the turbos fire up and run so hard that Grinch sees the speed increase to 8 miles an hour, he has to move the lever to level 2 to prevent the balloon from moving too quickly.

**Grinch:** "What in the world was that?"

**Hans:** "Dad farted right in front of the intake; do you think?"

**Grinch:** "It had to be, what else could it be, Martha, open all the cans of baked beans, everyone eat some as fast as you can, ladies, I'm sorry but we need you too."

Jean: "Oh honey, I don't think I can" ..... Martha puts a spoonful in Jeans mouth..... "Ooooooh, that is delicious" .....Jean grabs spoon from Martha..... "get your own spoon"

Grinch just pours the can in his mouth and eats as quickly as he can, Eugene and Hans follow his lead. Martha had grabbed a spoon and is eating as quickly as she can.

Martha: "I never thought I would ever see the day where I wanted Ethan to eat as many baked beans as he could"

Hans feels a little back pressure and stands in front of the intake, turbos start to sputter again and he lets one go, sure enough the turbos run smoothly again. Grinch adjusts the level to 3 and the speed has increased to 6 miles an hour.

Grinch: "We need to all take turns in front of the intake; I think this is gonna work. There should be three cans left. I think us three guys should each eat one more."

Everyone agrees to the plan, Grinch feels some pressure, he moves in front of intake and yells: "fire away" Farrrrrrrrt -fart, toot.

Everyone chuckles as the tension is beginning to lessen. The three men continue this pattern of taking turns, occasionally the turbos may sputter until someone does their thing, it will be interesting when the ladies begin.

Grinch: "The wind is very mild now, that's a big help too, I'm down to level 2 and we are still at 6-miles an hour"

At least an hour passes before the woman start to feel some gas building, Jean walks over in front of the intake, she is standing there for a while and says: "I'm sorry but this is too embarrassing, I don't think I can do it"

Grinch and Hans start chanting "Go mommy - go mommy - go mommy"

Hans: "Its gonna start sputtering"

Jean: (Toot-toot)

Everyone: "YEAAAAHHHHHH"

Jean covers her face: "that is soooooo embarrassing"

Martha goes in front of intake, Grinch and Hans start chanting again: "Go Martha - Go Martha"

Martha: "Please stop, you're making me nervous"

They stop chanting and are waiting, Martha says: "Stop staring at me, turn around"

A few moments pass and then there's a (Toot), Martha starts to return to her seat then suddenly hurries back to the intake (Faaaaaaarrrrrrrrt) "I'm not sure if that was fun or horrifying"





Hans: "Yes sir captain"

Dad goes over to the intake and lets out another (Farrrrrrrrrrt)

Hans: "Dad, you don't have to do that anymore"

Dad: "Well, your wrong there, I still have to do it, the question is where should I do it?"

Martha: "Just hold them in"

Grinch while chuckling: "Sorry girl, but that's already in the system, can't stop em now"

Jean pointing to other side of basket: "How about, everyone goes over there to do it" (Toot), oops, excuse me"

Everyone starts laughing again

Narrator "Mt. Crumpit is slowly getting closer, everyone on board..... Grinch interrupts narrator: "Could you please just shut up and let us enjoy the moment here!"

Martha: "Ethan honey, do you know where my blue necklace is? This green one doesn't match my slacks; I can't be seen like this in Whoville"

Grinch: "Really, that's what you're going to worry about at this moment? And besides you gave it to Susan"

Martha to Jean: "I don't know why I gave her that one, it was my favorite"

Jean: "Because you're a sweetheart, I love my pink one you gave me"

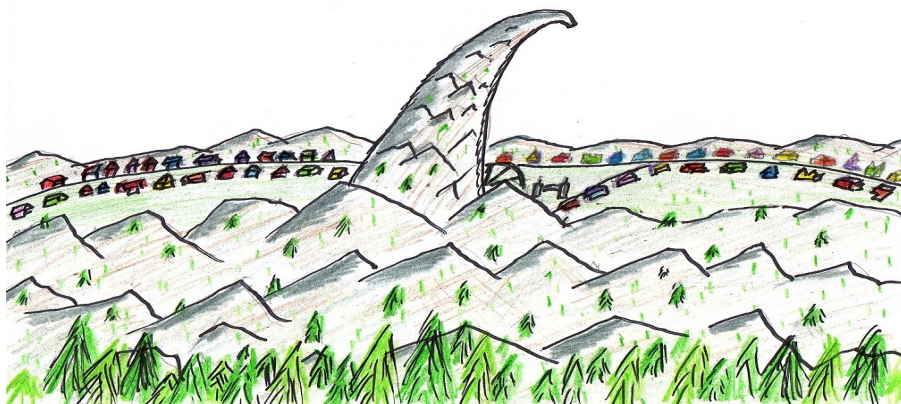
Grinch mimicking Martha while pacing: "I love my blue one, my red one, I cherish the purple one, my white one is nice, oh, and don't forget my yellow one, and my lavender one is to die for"

Everyone is laughing again

Narrator: "All those built-up nerves are starting to escape ....."

Everyone in unison: "Shut up"

The balloon is close enough where you can start seeing the village and some of the park. Grinch turns down the heater to start bringing the balloon down lower. Everyone is standing now to enjoy the view. Hans, mom and dad all have their arms around each other



**Grinch to Hans:** "Stop kissing up to mom and dad and start unpacking the four straps under the bench where the beans were. Tie one to each corner, you're also going to see a long yellow rope, that's called a drop line, tie that over here. That's the one we will toss down to people below to help us land. Hopefully Gus Who will have noticed we're coming and be ready for us"

Hans: "How would I know who, I don't know anyone yet"

**Grinch looks at camera for a second then turns to Hans:** "Gus the balloon guy I told you about, his name is Gus Who"

**Owlie:** "Whooooo"

**Grinch looks into camera again:** "Uncle Bob, is it really necessary for this to keep happening"

**Uncle Bob:** "If I were you, I would watch your decent. I think you're going down too quickly, you might want to put a little heat back in the balloon"

**Grinch adds a little heat to slow the decent and says:** "Well, of course you know Mr. Smarty Pants, you're writing the story"

**Narrator:** "May I step in now?"

Grinch: "Go ahead, I'm going to be busy here for a while"

**Narrator:** The balloon continues its slow decline and thanks to perfect landing conditions Grinch has chosen the landing site which will be close to the park. The unusual southern breeze is such a welcome as the flight has been a difficult one. It's now late afternoon and only a few hours of sunlight left. You can see the park and some of the Who's have noticed the balloon slowly approaching from around the back of Mt. Crumpit.



Narrator continues: Martha May is pointing to different areas of Whoville and explaining them to mom and dad. Martha shows Hans.....Grinch interrupts: "Okay Mr. Narrator, that will be enough for now, let someone else talk"

Narrator: "But, I was..... Grinch interrupts: "No butts"

Grinch: "Go ahead Martha, you were trying to say something"

Narrator: "I'm going to contact my attorney at the Writers Haven Organization, otherwise known as WHO.

Grinch; "Seriously, your attorney works for WHO?"

Owlie: "Whoooo"

Grinch: "Owlie, please stop....., Okay Martha, hopefully you can talk now"

Martha while pointing as she's talking: So, that's the park that Ethan designed and built a lot of it himself, that big round thing is called a Ferris wheel. That big long red and white thing going down the mountain is called a candy cane slide. The thing with the big poles is a ski lift, I'll explain that later. Way over there, that red building is Whomingdales, I can't wait to take you shopping there. That blue and purple building is our favorite restaurant

Jean: "All the colors, it's so beautiful. Eugene just look at all those colors, isn't that magnificent?

Eugene: "I actually have to say, it's very colorful"

Martha: "Oh look, we can see our house, right there, the one with the light blue roof and purple trim. Oh, look Hans, the house with the pink roof, that's your girlfriend Nancy's house".

Hans while chuckling: "Could we please just land first"

Landing spot is coming up quickly, a very large crowd has formed and they all are backing upward to create a large open area to land.

Grinch is busy adjusting the heat to the balloon to create a nice soft landing to make it as comfortable as he can for his parents. Owlle even jumps up to check out the view as if he understood what was going on

Grinch to Hans: "Do you see that guy with the stupid white hairdo with that ugly red cloak?"

Hans: "Yes"

Grinch: "That's the mayor, I'll buy you a new car if you can hit him with this empty wine bottle"

Mom: "Ethan honey, what did I tell you, let it go, you have already won that battle. Look at my daughter in law, this beautiful, sweet woman. The longer you go without acting out, the more it will drive him crazy, I promise you"

Ethan looking downward and kicking one foot with the other: "Yes mommy, I'm sorry mommy"

Grinch: "Let's get back to work, Hans, throw that yellow rope down to the guy with the green hat, that's Gus."

The crowd is cheering loudly and trying to get a good view of everybody on board. Gus grabs the rope and slowly helps pull the balloon down while Grinch keeps feathering the heat to the burner. The balloon makes a perfect soft landing, everyone continues waving their arms and cheering louder than before. Grinch turns the burner off and tosses over a couple of straps and Hans does as well. The Professor and a couple of workers from the park grab the straps and tie the balloon down. Everyone is gathering around the balloon, Gus, The Professor, Betty Lou and Cindy Lou. Officer Wholihan is there and slowly pushing his way to the front is Whobris (Mayor's sidekick) and the mayor himself. Everyone is still on board, as you can imagine, the Greenich's are so excited about being on land are also very nervous with all these strangers looking at them. The crowd of course recognizes Martha and the Grinch but are confused by the others on board. The mayor reaches up to the front of the crowd and looks up.

Mayor turns to Whopris: "Have I had too much to drink today or is there three of them?"

Whobris: "Yes sir Mr. Mayor, I count three of them myself"

Mayor: "I was hoping to lose one but we gained two" mayors eyes roll up in the back of his head and he faints and falls backwards, Whoville crowd gasps and backs up.

Whobris rushes to his side and starts fanning him and says: "Someone get a bucket of water"

Grinch jumps off the balloon with a bucket of water and tosses it in the mayor's face, nothing happens. Grinch says: "Let me get another"

Grinch runs back on board and Martha says: "Ethan, where did you get that bucket of water?"

**Grinch:** "Evidently, that's the one we all spit in after we brushed our teeth this morning, I forgot to empty it. I thought it was the one with clean water" As he smirks toward the camera. Grinch grabs the bucket of clean water and runs over to the mayor again and throws that one on his face, stands back for a second, and the mayor starts to come to. He shakes his head a couple of times, wrinkles his nose a couple of times as if he is sniffing something and asks: "Spearmint?"

**Whobris and Officer Wholihan** help him get up, mayor wipes off his cloak a couple of times and asks the Grinch: "So please tell me Grinchy boy, why am I now seeing three Grinch's?"

**Grinch sarcastically:** "Well, actually, that's quite easy to answer Mr. Mayor, it's because you see me and these two fine folks here", and while counting on his fingers- "one plus two equals three"

**Mayor:** I think you know what I meant Grinch, and one more thing, who is that other gentleman on board?"

**Martha to Grinch:** "Let me take care of this please"

**Martha leans over the side of basket facing Whobris:** "Whobris, can I have your megaphone thingy thing?" Whobris hands her the mayor's megaphone

**Martha with megaphone stands on the bench seat:** "Can I have everyone's attention please?"

**The crowd silences: Martha :** " Hello Whoville, Grinch and I are so glad to be home, we missed you all" **The crowd cheers loudly** "We have some very important news to tell everyone, for some of you it's more important than you would ever imagine" **The entire crowd** "OOOOHHHHHH" **Martha continues:** "We traveled a long way in search of Grinch's family, and we did find Grinch's homeland, and we did find Grinch's family, and I want you all to give a warm and loving welcome to Grinch's parents: Mr. and Mrs. Greeninch" **The entire crowd cheers and whistles.**

**Mayor covers the side of his mouth and whispers to Whobris:** "Why didn't they stay there?" Surprising, Whobris gives the mayor a disgusted look and starts whistling himself.

**Martha:** "I also want you to meet my husband, as you all know as Grinch, well Grinch has a real name, his name is Ethan Greeninch" Grinch stands on bench beside her and waves proudly to the crowd, the crowd cheers and whistles loudly.

**Ethan takes the Megaphone from Martha and says:** "We will now be known as Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Greeninch"

**The crowd cheers even louder than before. Mayor can be seen fumbling through the pages of THE BOOK OF WHO and says to Whobris** "I'm quite sure that's not allowed"

**Martha May:** "One more thing, the most important of all" **The Who crowd HUUUUHHHHH?** "Officer Wholihan, is your wife here?"



Officer turns to his wife that is standing behind him, she steps forward.

Martha asks Hans to step down and stand in front of the Wholihans which he does more nervous than he has ever been.

Martha: "We'll give you all the details later but we must get to the important part. This fine gentleman here is your son, his name is Hans"

The entire Who crowd: "AAAAAAHHHHHHHHH?"

Mr. and Mrs. Wholihan stand there in shock for a moment, thinking what is going on here? Mrs. Wholihan continues staring at Hans, and Hans back to her as well. As if they both could sense the bond, they both lock themselves into a long, long hug. You can hear Mrs. Wholihan sobbing out loud, tears are now streaming from Hans's eyes. Hans pulls Mr. Wholihan into the hug with his other arm and the three continue the long emotional hug. Tears now streaming from Mr. Wholihan's eyes as he says: "Welcome home son"

Hans: "Mom, dad, I have only dreamed of this moment, I can't believe its actually here"

Mom Wholihan while trying to speak through her tears: "I've been dreaming of it a lot longer than you Hans, but there's one more thing I don't understand, who named you Hans? That's the name I wanted if our baby was a boy. I didn't tell anyone that, not even your dad"

Hans: "My mom chose that name, I mean my other mom, you have to meet my other mom and dad, you are going to love them"

Grinch, Martha and the Greeninch's are all choked up with emotions, there so much happening here all at once. Grinch goes over and gives Cindy Lou a big hug. Grinch: "Thank you Cindy, you know you are a big part of this too, don't you? Cindy nods her head.

Grinch: "I can't wait to see my buddy Max"

Martha: "And You Who"

Owlie: "Whoooo"

Grinch: "Trust me Owlie, you don't want to know"

Grinch looks into camera, then upward and says: "Okay Mr. Narrator, are you there? Now, this is a good time to step in and help us out here"

Narrator: "Only if you say you are sorry"

Grinch: "Okay, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, can you get a move on it please. I'm tired, I'm hungry, I need a shower". Grinch then looks into the camera and says: "I still have to clean all that junk out of the spare room so my parents have a place to sleep tonight".

Narrator: "The Whos all want to meet and greet Hans and the Greeninchs which they do with open hearts, already the Greeninchs feel more welcome in Whoville then they ever did in Greenville. They have been introduced to and have shared hugs with the Wholihans. Ethan introduces his parents to Cindy Lou, her dad and mom, Gus and the Professor. Martha suggests that the two families go back to her and Ethan's house, order some take out, discuss what the future will bring us. They all agree.

Grinch to Martha: "Lets order a bunch of pizzas from Pizza Whoot, everybody loves pizza"

Mayor: "I love Pizza Whoot"

Grinch: "Except for one small problem Augustus"

Mayor: "What's that?"

Grinch: "You're not invited"

Grinch does his sinister happy dance, but his mom shakes her finger at him and says: "What did I warn you young man?"

Grinch to mayor: "I'm sorry mayor, if there's any slices left over, I'll bring them to your house tomorrow"

Mom Greeninch: "I'm sorry Mr. Mayor, you seem like a sweet man, excuse Ethan, he's very tired. I promise you when I get settled in Ill make you one of my delicious casseroles that I call Jean's Mean Greens and Beans"

Mayor: "Thank you Mrs. Greeninch, that is very kind of you"

Narrator: They all meet at the house. The Greeninchs and Owlie are introduced to Max and You Who. Owlie and Max instantly become best friends, Owlie now loves to perch himself on Max's back which Max loves to parade around with him there.



The Wholihans suggest that Hans stay with them so they can catch up on lost years until he decides on where to live. The pizzas arrive, of course Grinch ordered every flavor they make for the Greeninchs, this is the first time they ever had pizza. They can't decide on which is their favorite.

Narrator: "That pizza smells good; can I have a slice?"

Grinch while pointing upward: "No, you're not even here, you're up there somewhere, just get on with your job"

Narrator: "Excuse me, I think someone needs a nap. So, anyway, lets fast forward a little. The Greeninchs decide to live in the caves in Mt Crumpit because as much as they love Whoville it kind of reminds them of their roots and they still will be close to Ethan and their growing number of friends from Whoville. It doesn't take Hans and his dad very long to convert some of the cave into a beautiful home.

The plans are to convert the rest of the caves to a bed and breakfast for the park. Mom and dad will run the bed and breakfast for the park goers and mom also serves her now popular green wine. Only Jean and Martha have the recipe, its now a family secret, Jean had to change the recipe slightly as one of her ingredients isn't available in Whoville. Jean is so looking forward to the spirit of Christmas, they are so happy they moved there, although they do miss the Greenshires. The professor ended up making Eugene a hearing device ,of course he has learned to pretend it doesn't work when Jean is on his case about something.

Hans, now a well-paid employee of the park buys a home for himself down in Whoville. Rumor is Ethan will soon be making Hans a part owner. Martha had introduced Hans to Nancy MaWhoney and they definitely are a perfect fit for each other to the dismay of many of the single ladies in Whoville. Even Owlie loves to see Nancy.

Mt. Crumpit Park is a total success as it continues to expand, even the mayor is pleased with its benefits to the community. Speaking of the mayor, he has accepted the fact that Grinch and Martha are inseparable, and the fact that they are a great business team as well. Actually, the mayor adores Jean, he calls her Aunt Jean, she has managed to win him over with her cooking.

The colder weather is setting in and soon they will be skiing and sledding on the slopes. More important than anything, is what's just around the corner, Christmas and the popular Whobalation celebration. They will be extra special this year with its three new citizens.

One cold night Martha and Ethan are snuggled on the couch having a cup of cocoa in front of the fireplace. Max and You Who are lying on their doggy rug in front of the fire, sound asleep. Martha and Ethan are discussing how lucky they are that everything has turned out so well. The park, the new house, that whole in Ethans heart is been healed with the discovery of his family. His mom and dad are now in a safe and friendly place to grow old, his brother Hans being so successful and finally how happy Han's parents are. They raise their cups for a toast, and just when they tap their cups together, there is a commotion at the front door.

Martha: "I'm so warm and comfortable, could you let the dogs back in"

Ethan: "Are you blind, the dogs are right in front of you"

Martha: "Than who is out there?"

Ethan just sits there: "Most likely"

Martha chuckles: "Oh really, more Who jokes?"

Ethan: "Sorry, I couldn't help myself, I'll see who's there"

Ethan walks over and opens the door: "What the? Martha, come here – quick"

Martha gets up and looks down: "Oh my goodness, could it be?"

Ethan: "Where we expecting?"

Martha: "Well kinda, but I was waiting for the right time. Let's get this little sweetheart out of the cold and see if it's a boy or a girl"

Ethan picks up a Pumbercella and places in the front room on the table where its warm and cozy. Max and You Who are so curious they jump up on the table to get a peek. This is one of those split-second moments that your mind is racing with thoughts, are we ready for this? is the baby a girl or a boy? Will the baby look like Martha or will it look like Ethan? maybe a little bit of each? Martha pulls back the yellow blanket to reveal their unexpected arrival.



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